

Angry Kinnock plans to rewrite rules to pursue charges against left

Militants in walk-out to foil expulsion

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Liverpool's Militants ousted and outmanoeuvred the Labour leadership yesterday in a humiliating defeat which ended with a Trotskyist MP leading a raised-voice chorus of the *Internationale* and the *Red Flag* on the steps of party headquarters.

The 12 party members charged with abuse of party rules and membership of the Militant tendency escaped expulsion through a combination of legal challenge and a premeditated left-wing walk-out from a meeting of the party's national executive.

What had been intended as a show trial, at least partly for the benefit of the voters in the Fulham by-election, ended in a shambles.

But an angry Mr Neil Kinnock immediately declared his firm intention to pursue the charges laid against Mr Derek Hatton, the deputy leader of Liverpool council, and 11 other Militants, by re-writing the national executive rules to give him the required majority for expulsions — on April 18, a week after Fulham has gone to the polls.

He said: "What everybody in Fulham and everywhere else can be absolutely conscious of we will act with firmness and very directly in order to deal with abuses. People everywhere can be sure that the Labour Party is doing

the right thing in the right way, and we will have the required effect."

However, in the wake of Tuesday's High Court judgement that eight members of the executive who had taken evidence against the accused in Liverpool could not participate in yesterday's hearings against the Militant 12, the executive was left with just 21 members to examine the charges.

Mr Eric Heffer, himself a Liverpool MP, and Mr Tony Benn, then led a walk-out of seven left-wingers and the executive was left without the required 15-strong quorum. The hearings were forced to halt.

Mr Heffer said in a prepared statement outside the headquarters building in south London that they had withdrawn because the first accused, Miss Felicity Dowling, secretary of the Liverpool District Labour Party, had been refused a clear written statement of the charges laid against her — "in clear breach of the rules of natural justice" — and because the purge exercise had "inflicted grave, and wholly unnecessary damage upon the party".

Mr Kinnock, who later variously condemned the walk-out as sabotage, desertion of duty, capricious, pathetic, infantile and stupid, said that it was "profoundly not true" and "deliberately misleading" to suggest that Miss Dowling had not been given a written statement of charges.

He said of those who left the executive impotent to deal with the hearings: "The party and the movement will regard them with derision. This melodramatic behaviour is an acknowledgement of the weakness of their position."

A furious Mr David Blunkett, the left-wing leader of Sheffield council who stood by Mr Kinnock during the walk-out, told executive colleagues: "They have put their egos before the interests of the party."

Miss Betty Boothroyd, one



Mr Eric Heffer (right) and Mr Tony Benn leading the walk-out of the National Executive Committee meeting in London yesterday. Below, Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Tony Mulhearn.



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Gorbachov offers to withdraw fleet

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In a dramatic gesture designed to seize the propaganda initiative from the US over the Libyan crisis, Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, last night offered to open immediate talks with the Reagan Administration designed to secure the withdrawal of all Soviet and US naval vessels from the Mediterranean.

The surprise Soviet offer was made during a Kremlin dinner in honour of Mr Chadli Benjedid, the visiting Algerian President, who brought the Soviet leader a personal message from Colonel Gaddafi. It was combined with a savage denunciation of the "bandit face" of US policy over Libya.

Mr Gorbachov, who was making his first public comment since the US attacks on Libyan ships and missile sites, also formally proposed the staging of a regional Mediterranean conference attended by both superpowers, which he said could be run along similar lines to the 1975 European Security Conference in Helsinki.

Mr Gorbachov's speech seemed to Western diplomats to be designed once again to represent the Soviet Union as the superpower more concerned in furthering the cause of world peace. Unofficial US sources conceded that, as often before in the past year, the Gorbachov offer would force the White House to offer what was confidently expected to be a negative response. They were quick to point out that the US has a much larger and more important naval role in the Mediterranean.

Outlining his scheme, Mr Gorbachov said: "If the United States, which is situated thousands upon thousands of miles away from the

27 blacks dead as Pretoria violence flares

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least 27 people, all blacks, died during Tuesday night and yesterday morning in the most concentrated outbreak of violence in the 19 months of political and social unrest in South Africa which has claimed more than 1,250 lives.

In the tribal homeland of Bophuthatswana the local black police said they had killed 10 people when they fired on a large crowd attending an illegal gathering which allegedly responded to an order to disperse by hurling stones and petrol bombs. Local residents said that 11 people were killed.

At least 70 people were reported injured, and about 1,000 arrested. Local residents claimed the meeting had been called to discuss grievances with the district police commander, Colonel M A Moloop, who had himself addressed the crowd. The shooting, they said, started after stones were thrown.

The shooting happened at about 11 am in a shanty town called Winterveld, about 20 miles northwest of Pretoria and just inside the boundary of one of the seven separate and widely-scattered chunks of territory that form Bophuthatswana, which, under South African law, is an independent state.

Winterveld is a place of appalling squalor which has been used by the Government as a dumping ground for people forcibly uprooted from "black spots" in nearby areas of "white" South Africa. Most of its inhabitants are not Tswanas, the tribal group for which Bophuthatswana is supposed to be reserved.

There has been growing turbulence in the region in recent weeks, and police in the nearby town of Garankuwa, also in Bophuthatswana, have been accused of whipping, beating, kicking and raping people detained by them for questioning.

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'Knocking' ads banned

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

A City watchdog body attempted to crack down yesterday on the growing use of hard-hitting newspaper advertising during company takeover battles.

The Takover Panel ordered a substantial restriction on advertisements connected with takeovers, complaining of their growing tendency to denigrate the opposition and to use selective statistics to create a misleading impression.

Provisions were being introduced to try to restore standards, the panel said, and ban the kind of "knocking copy" that had become a feature of takeover battles.

If this failed to have the required effect, further restrictions would be introduced.

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Bar victory spurs hope for barrister pay body

The High Court battle begun by the Bar ended in a humiliating climbdown for the Lord Chancellor yesterday in a result which paves the way for a possible doubling of the 5 per cent pay offer rejected by barristers (Frances Gibb writes).

The Bar's victory in the unprecedented dispute over legal aid fees is also likely to signal the end of the present system of direct negotiation between the legal profession and the Government.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Bar, said that there was now a need for an advisory committee on fees, similar to that for doctors, which was recommended by the Royal Commission on Legal Services in 1979.

A body was needed to ensure an objective evaluation of what pay was needed to "preserve our standards of justice", he said.

Yesterday's legal proceedings, in which the Bar accused Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone of acting unlawfully, ended with the Lord Chancellor agreeing to negotiate a 30 to 40 per cent pay claim.

After consultation with Cabinet colleagues, he is to have talks within a set timetable, reaching a decision by July 16, the High Court was told.

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Militant aims to double members

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Trotskyist Militant Tendency has set itself the target of doubling its membership, which now stands at 8,100 hard-core members, according to a secret internal document leaked to ITN's Channel 4 News last night.

The Militant central committee document claimed that the expulsion of five leaders by Mr Michael Foot in 1983 gave a big boost to membership.

And in a clear attempt to capitalize on the attempts at a Liverpool purge, the document added: "The task is posed point-blank: doubling our size."

"Our immediate aim is to reach the agreed target within the next three months."

While it is a known Militant technique to set unachievable targets, its steady increase in membership — from less than 2,000 up to 1980 to 3,438 in 1982, 6,000 in 1984 and more than 8,000 this year — has proved its success.

But Channel 4 News also provided further evidence of Militant's highly structured organization — something which is denied by the Trotskyists operating behind the front of the *Militant* newspaper — with a tape recording of a secret Militant meeting in Swansea on Tuesday night.

During the meeting, members of a Swansea Militant branch were told to recruit another hundred members.

Mr Ian McDonald, a full-

Poll shows 15% drop in support for Tories

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Government has suffered a potentially disastrous slump in electoral support in the three Conservative constituencies where it faces key by-elections, according to a poll last night.

In Fulham, where polling takes place on April 10, together with Rydale and West Derbyshire, the Conservatives have dropped by 15% on average since the 1983 General Election.

Labour is the main beneficiary, with an average 10% increase, while backing for the SDP/Liberal Alliance in the three seats has increased by 5% since 1983, according to a detailed survey for BBC Television's *Newsnight* programme.

The political reality now facing Mrs Thatcher is that the Tories look certain to lose Fulham in two weeks time; they are in serious danger of being defeated in West Derbyshire, a Conservative seat since 1950, and the party cannot be absolutely sure of holding Rydale, where Conservative support has never dipped below 50% at general elections since the war.

The survey, carried out after last week's Budget, shows voting intentions (with 1983 figures in brackets) as follows: Fulham: Con 36.7% (46.2%); Lab 44.1% (34.0%); Alliance 23.4% (18.3%); Others 1.8% (1.5%).

Rydale: Con 47.2% (59.2%); Lab 16.9% (10.3%); Alliance 35.2% (30.5%); Others 0.7%.

West Derbyshire: Con 38.8% (55.9%); Lab 28.7% (17.1%); Alliance 31.6% (27.1%); Others 0.9%.

Dates for the by-elections at Rydale and West Derbyshire are yet to be set.

David Butler, page 16

Oil hits trade figures

By Our City Staff

The oil price fall pushed Britain's trade in goods back into deficit last month, but left the current account still in surplus to the tune of £262 million.

Exports fell and imports rose in value terms to give a visible trade deficit of £338 million, converted into surplus by an estimated £600 million surplus on invisibles such as services.

The biggest deterioration was in the oil account, where the surplus dropped by more than £300 million to £685 million. Manufacturers stayed in heavy deficit at £382 million.

The figures had little effect on the foreign exchange market.

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Lost cave of Cheddar discovered by divers

By Tim Jones

A team of three divers have overcome physical and psychological dangers to discover what they believe to be the most spectacular underground cave system in Britain and one of the longest in the world.

Their most exciting find is a 100 feet wide chamber which may be the legendary "lost cave of Cheddar" which has tantalized explorers for decades.

Cavers have searched for the way down into the underground River Yeo for six years and in the end the entrance and in the end the entrance was proved to be just a few feet from the show cave at Cheddar Gorge, Somerset, which is visited by 750,000 each year.

The three men, who exposed themselves to the risks of

diving in darkness through shoulder width tormented filled subterranean passages, yesterday planned to press on through the system which may extend for three miles.

As he prepared to venture further into the claustrophobic known as Mr Richard Stephenson, aged 39, of Woolkey, Somerset, explained why no one had dived to the cave before.

"It just looked like a pimple, you have to go down a very thin 20 foot chimney and then an even narrower 50 foot chimney before it opens out into a cave."

He was accompanied by Mr Rob Farmer, aged 32, a Bristol vet, and Mr Rob Palmer, aged 35, who has explored the legendary "Blue Holes" in the Bahamas.

The cave they have discovered is 100 feet wide by 20 feet by 40 feet high.

Yesterday, the team was planning to dive and emerge into a second chamber which they believe could reveal a two-mile passage from the top of the Mendip Hills.

Adventure caving leader, Mr Andy Sparrow, aged 31, who masterminded the dive said: "The water coming off the Mendips splits into several separate caves which eventually become clogged up and they converge into master caves full of foaming white water. We are hoping to find one of these master caves like the one at Woolkey Hole."

Mrs Sandra Lee, who manages the Cheddar caves described the find as the most exciting made in Britain in recent years. "The existence of

THE TIMES

The Times will publish on Good Friday, the only quality national daily newspaper to do so. More copies than usual will be printed, but the demand will be substantial, so readers are urged to place a firm order for The Times with their newsagents now. An order form appears on page 2

Mrs Thatcher on the future

In an exclusive interview, the Prime Minister talks of the Government's present troubles and what lies in store for BL, popular capitalism... and her own political career

Portfolio £20,000 to be won tomorrow

There was no winner yesterday in The Times Portfolio competition so today's prize is doubled to £4,000. Portfolio list, page 26; how to play, information service, page 20. Tomorrow, £20,000 can be won in the weekly competition. There is no Saturday game because the Stock Exchange will be closed. Portfolio will resume on Tuesday.

England win

A goal by Waddle gave England a 1-0 win against the Soviet Union in Tbilisi. Report, page 40

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Teachers report gang warfare in classroom as pupil violence grows

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Violence in schools is so serious that in some areas there is almost open gang warfare, according to a survey by the second biggest teaching union.

Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, was carried out between November 1984 and February 1985. It listed several serious cases:

● A Cheshire teacher had his car tyres slashed on school property during working hours. Nails were placed in the staff car park and glass bottles were placed under the tyre.

'Vandal-proof' school

The latest development in vandal-proof school buildings, with anti-intruder alarms and concrete walls resistant to graffiti, is to be built on a council estate in Humberston.

The 1,200-pupil school is to be built on the Bramsholme estate in Hull as part of a re-organization of city schools.

A Wigan high school teacher told of an attempted break-in at his home in May 1984 by two fifth-form boys who had been dismissed from school the same morning, and who had been drinking beer and sniffing glue behind his property in the afternoon.

Fares 'unnecessarily high'

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

European air travellers are being cheated both in the air and on the ground, according to a report from the National Consumer Council.

Work is due to start this summer. The education authority hopes to use the building as a community centre at night, opening the library, drama studio and sports hall to residents.

comply with the competition rules laid down in the Treaty of Rome.

Fares and pence per mile on four European routes

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Barcelona (701m)	£211 30p single	£148 21p	£145 10p return	£145 10p return
Paris (209m)	£128 61p single	£84 40p single	£88 32p single	£78 17p return

Source: ABC World Airline Guide 1984.

Hackers 'laundered licences'

Computer experts at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre in Swansea are investigating an allegation that home computer enthusiasts have broken into their computer and electronically laundered endorsed driving licences for payments of hundreds of pounds.

Journeys of fear in a hearse

The driver of a hearse created such fear in his passengers that many were afraid journeys with him might be their last.

Rare book theft by ex-student

A collection of rare books and manuscripts valued at £1.5 million, which were stolen from University College, London in 1981, had been tracked down and recovered by the police, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

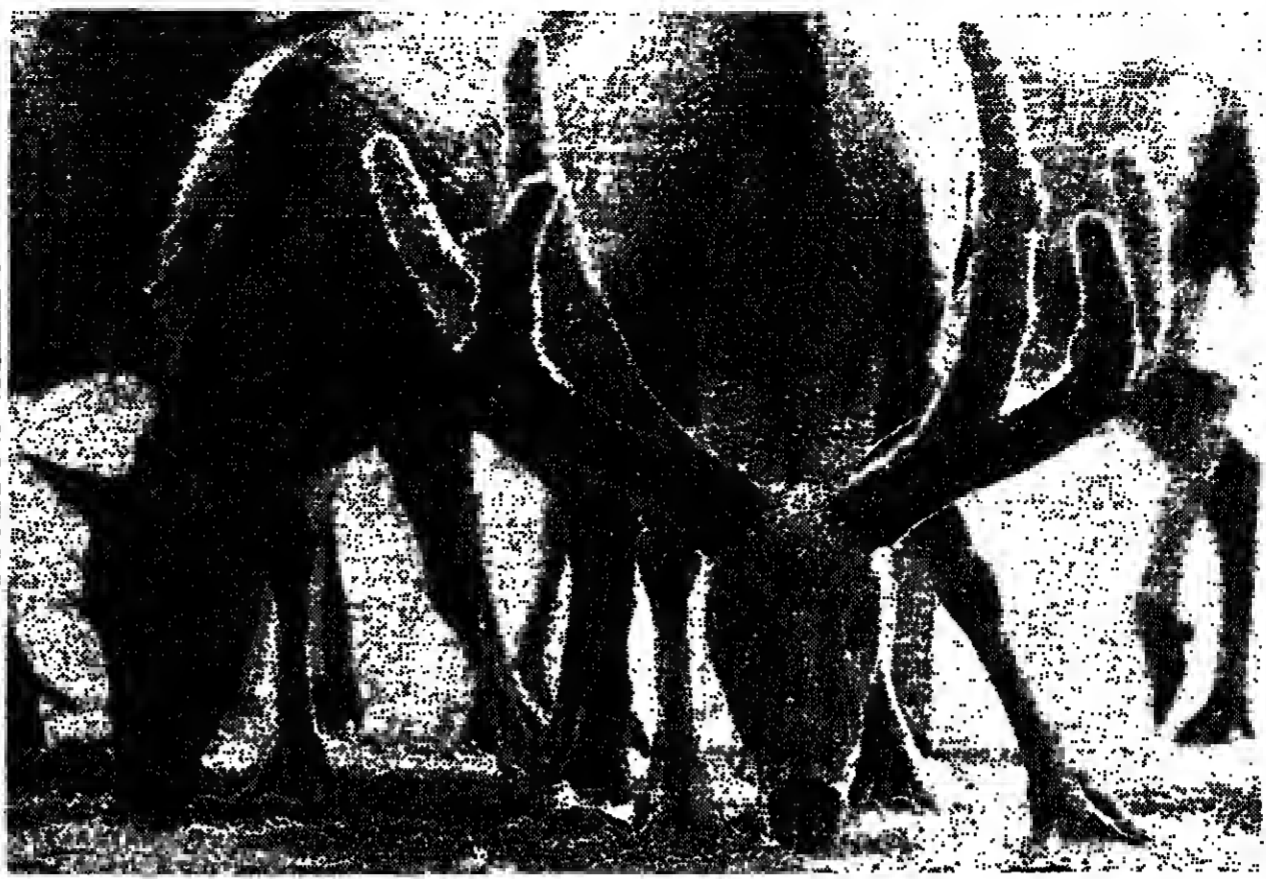
Royal recipe for Food Aid

The Princess of Wales has contributed one of her favourite recipes, watercress soup, to a cookery book Food Aid, published by the BBC to raise funds for Band Aid.

Satanist 'saw devil's emissary by his bed'

The self-styled Satanist, Mr Derry Mainwaring Knight, met an "emissary from Satan" standing at the foot of his bed, a court was told yesterday.

destroyed. I believe what I saw was an emissary from Satan. From that day on my troubles began.



Père David's Deer feeding yesterday at Whipsnade Zoo (top). Dr Andrew London (above), of the Zoological Society of London, is heading a World Wildlife Fund project to ship 40 of the deer to China where they are extinct.

Contractor jailed for 'lump' tax fraud

A building contractor who was the central figure in a "lump" tax fraud was jailed for eight years by Judge Michael Argyle, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Former FBI agent jailed for counterfeit

A former United States Federal Bureau of Investigation agent allegedly involved in organized crime was jailed for eight years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop)

The decline of Miss Jean Brodie

Never well paid, the teachers' lot is less today than it ever was. In the best Spectator tradition, Mary Kenny not only analyses the subject but also offers an intriguing solution. This is an article of the utmost importance to both teachers and parents. An article of no importance except to those who love horse racing is Jeffrey Bernard's review of the new Lester Piggott biography. Apparently the book is long on statistics but short on jokes, which could hardly be said about Bernard's weekly Low Life column. Don't decline this week's Spectator. Odds on it's a winner.

Going, in the age of television, is the chance of etching an indelible mark on their pupils' minds à la Mr Chips or Miss Jean Brodie. Going too is the high regard for being repositories of knowledge. Gone are the days when they were compensated for their penury by the invisible reward of high social standing. So what's to be done?

New guidance on immigration cases

HOME OFFICE

New guidance on MPs' representations on immigration cases was needed to bring order to the traditional arrangements for representation which, in their sharp increase over the past three years, were threatening to undermine immigration control. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said when opening a debate on MPs' representations in such cases...

handling representations was improved it would crack under its own weight. The number of representations made about immigration cases generally had increased from about 9,000 in 1981 to over 16,000 in 1985. He proposed to retain the present facility for MPs to ring his private office or that of the minister to ask for the removal of a passenger to be deferred while representations were considered...

consultation, were sensible and would help enable MPs to discharge their responsibilities in a way which was more compatible than previously with effective immigration control. He intended that the changes would come into effect from May 1.



Hurd: Unique facility given to MPs

There is a huge differential (he said) between the treatment of travellers from the old Commonwealth and those from the new Commonwealth and Pakistan on the one hand and those from the United States on the other hand. The debate was not principally about those seeking permanent settlement in Britain but mainly about those coming for a short time and then going away again.

brought more stops because the narrow range of permitted cases where under the guidelines MPs were allowed to take up a non-emergency case. The Home Office would send a copy of the reply to the constituency MP. It would be unacceptable for confidential and private material to be passed on to another person without the agreement of the affected person.

A Labour government (he said) would certainly maintain a firm immigration control, but unlike that of this Government it will be a non-racist, non-sexist immigration control. At the very moment we take office we will make sure that Labour's firm but fair immigration control will be administered humanely and with the respect that is the due of those who seek to enter.

There had been a breathtaking increase in the number of representations by MPs on immigration cases. In the three years up to 1982 the average number of representations was 1,000 a year. The next year that figure doubled, the year after that it trebled and in 1985 the increase was 61 per cent up on the previous year.

Burden of housing rates falling on too few shoulders

HOUSE OF LORDS

Local authorities should raise more of their own expenditure, rather than rely on Government block grants, so they would become more accountable to the electorate. Lord Marshall of Leeds (C) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the case for spreading the rates burden more fairly and equitably...

Glasgow getting sufficient funds

HEALTH BOARD

Greater Glasgow Health Board was in financial difficulties, as some Labour MPs suggested, it was the board's own responsibility. Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Commons questions...

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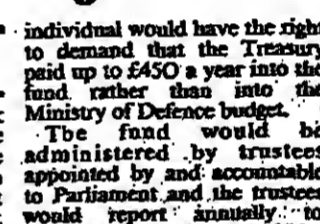
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Bill to set up fund for war objectors

TAXATION

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) was given leave under the 10-minute rule procedure to bring a Bill to allow people to withhold that portion of their tax at present spent on arms and related purposes and to facilitate the payment of such sums to peaceful non-governmental purposes.



Canavan: Taxes would go to peace fund

individual would have the right to demand that the Treasury paid up to £450 a year into the fund rather than into the Ministry of Defence budget. The Bill would be administered by trustees appointed by and accountable to Parliament and the trustees would report annually to Parliament. The fund would be disbursed for peace-building programmes - for example, to voluntary agencies working in the Third World such as Oxfam, Christian Aid and War on Want.

Finance Bill

Mr Jehu MacGregor

Mr Jehu MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, announced in a Commons written reply that the Finance Bill would be published on April 16.

Bill promised for autumn

PROPAGANDA

The Government believed it essential that the Local Government Bill should receive Royal Assent before April 1 to ensure enactment of the rate provisions for the next financial year, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, said when the Commons considered the Lords amendments late on Tuesday night.

none at all, in order to get something onto the statute book. Mr Peter Bradshaw (Leicester East, C) said he much regretted the Government's decision as he believed the Bill unamended would have done those Labour authorities throughout the country - which were 'waiting raters' money in party political propaganda. It was bitterly disappointing that the amendments would now allow money to be spent in publishing material to persuade the electorate to support the Labour Party.

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Win for Bar in battle with Hailsham over legal aid fees

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The High Court dispute between barristers and the Lord Chancellor ended yesterday in victory for the Bar when Lord Hailsham agreed to enter into negotiations on its pay claim, within a set timetable to run from now until mid-July.

Lord Hailsham had obtained the backing of his Cabinet colleagues to embark on talks within an agreed timetable on the Bar's claim of a 30-40 per cent rise in legal aid defence fees, the High Court was told yesterday.

The clear implication is that ministers have accepted that they may have to find more money within this year's public expenditure plans over and above the 5 per cent already offered.

Awarding the Bar its costs, estimated to be approaching £15,000 for solicitors' fees (counsel gave their services free of charge), Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said that he hoped there would now be a "happy conclusion to a very unpleasant matter".

At the same time it was announced that Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, had agreed to negotiate within the same timetable on prosecution fees, which removes the immediate threat of widespread disruption to the new crown prosecution service on April 1 by barristers refusing prosecution briefs.

"The issue is not just about fees for barristers. It concerns the quality of legal service in this country. Parliament did not intend that legal aid should be a second-rate service."

The Bar took Lord Hailsham to court after he told barristers in February that they would only receive a routine uprating of 5 per cent for criminal legal aid defence fees.

Mr Alexander said that it had been "obviously distasteful to have to sue a much-respected Lord Chancellor", and the Bar had tried "time and time again" to fix a timetable to avoid the need to do so.

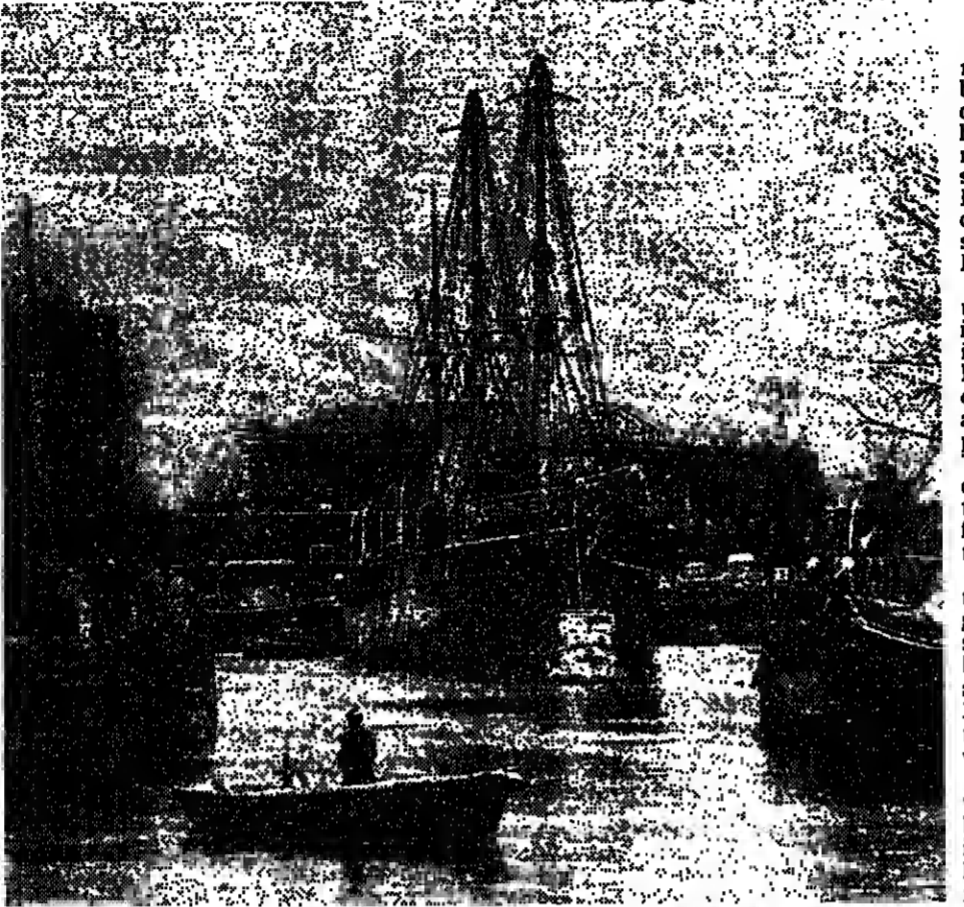
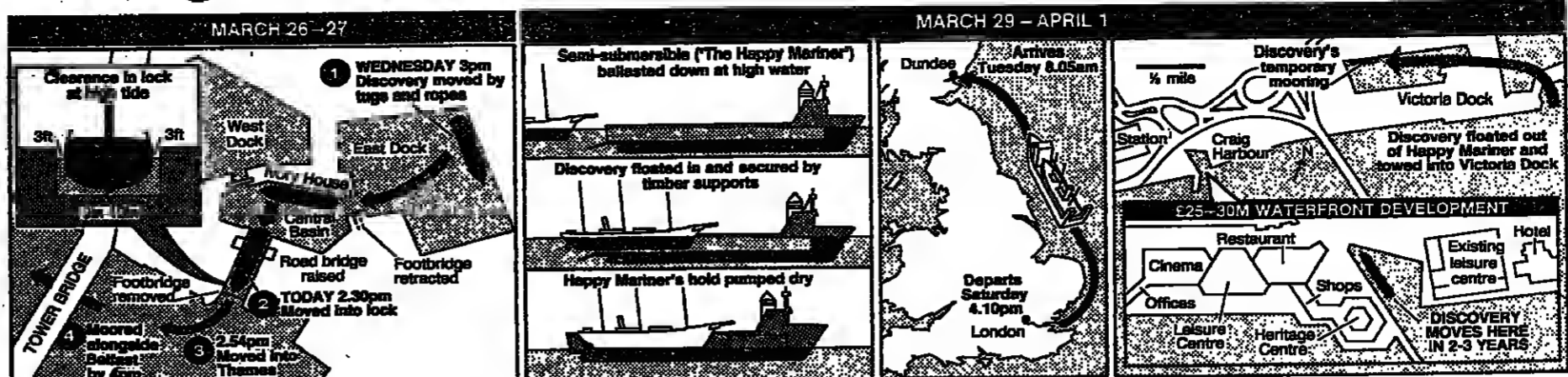
In response to the Attorney General's decision also to negotiate, the Bar yesterday wrote to all heads of chambers asking barristers to suspend their threat of refusing prosecution briefs, unless marked with a reasonable fee, until October 1.

During the 15-minute conclusion to the High Court action yesterday, Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC, for Lord Hailsham, said that the Lord Chancellor had considered it "necessary and desirable" to have further discussions on the Bar's pay report but felt unable to commit himself without consulting his colleagues.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Bar, in whose name the unprecedented legal challenge on behalf of 5,200 barristers in England and Wales was brought, said he was "extremely heartened" by the outcome of what had been a "harrowing experience".

Mr Alexander said: "It is a great step forward and means that at least we will get proper negotiations. The Lord Chancellor had agreed to examine fully the independent report on which the Bar's pay claim is based and to indicate the reasons for his proposals."

Tide gives perilous start to voyage home for Discovery



Discovery's first movement in St Katharine's Dock yesterday.

By Patricia Clough

For half an hour this afternoon insurers, organizers, harbour authorities and the city of Dundee will hold their breath as seamen attempt to manoeuvre Captain Scott's ship Discovery out of St Katharine's Dock in London on the highest tide of the year.

They have about 30 minutes, starting at 2.30pm, during which the equinoctial tide is high enough to give the Discovery, with her 13ft 6in draught, a bare 6-12in clearance in the lock connecting the picturesque old dock and the Thames. Two feet of mud was dredged out of the bottom of the lock this week and a footbridge dismantled so that the ship could pass.

If the tide does not come up to expectations, or something goes wrong, it will be at least six months, but more probably a year, before another attempt can be made.

The Dundee consortium which is leasing the Dundee-built Discovery from the Maritime Trust for 20 years as a landmark on its new, £30 million River Tay waterfront development, has insured the

A city's show-piece

Dundee's claim to Captain Scott's ship Discovery rests on the fact that the vessel was built at a shipyard on the Tay 85 years ago, a fine example of the steam-assisted whaling barque the city specialized in building at the time.

Her triple-skinned hull sheathed in greenheart was designed to withstand the pressure of pack-ice which made her perfect for Scott's expedition.

Discovery will go into Victoria Harbour for restoration work which will take two years.

The ship will become the centre-piece of a waterfront development for visitors to the city, part of a £30 million improvement scheme funded largely by Dundee industry and commerce.

A search is on for an example of the triple-expansion steam engine which once powered Discovery. The original engine was removed years ago. The Trust also plans some ways of recreating the authentic atmosphere on board.

The Discovery, which has weathered fierce Atlantic storms and survived two years' imprisonment in the Antarctic pack ice, was originally to have been towed to Dundee, but insurance costs made it cheaper to take her as cargo, the PPM spokesman said. Her engine was scrapped during the war and the rigging is too fragile for sailing in equinoctial storms.

Two-thirds of her masts, her yard spars, jib boom and lifeboats have been removed to lower her centre of gravity for the trip, but nevertheless the high winds could make the operation difficult, the crew say.

The Discovery goes with the somewhat reluctant blessings of the Greater London Council which, having paid £100,000 towards her restoration last December, nearly took court action to keep her in London. Eventually the matter was smoothed out amicably and a plaque on board will record London's contribution to Dundee's pleasure.

Beatles lose appeal for royalty check

The three surviving Beatles lost their High Court battle yesterday for a new investigation into the missing millions they claim to be owed in royalties by EMI, the record company.

But they are still likely to be given another £2 million. Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, with John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono and their company Apple, were asking for a new account of royalties.

An account was taken by EMI after an earlier court hearing, and they received £2,832,264.02. But the Beatles and Yoko Ono were still not happy and wanted an account showing exactly how many Beatles records and tapes were despatched by EMI, so they themselves could work out what was due.

Royal Gold Medal for top Japanese architect

By Charles Kneivt, Architecture Correspondent

Arata Isozaki, the Japanese architect, has been awarded the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture for 1986. The medal is given by the Queen on the recommendation of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The medal, instituted by Queen Victoria in 1848 and conferred annually for work of high merit, is the world's most prestigious architectural award.

Mr Isozaki, aged 54, was born in Oita City, Japan and worked for 10 years in the office of Kenzo Tange, the medal winner of 1965. He has designed banks, private houses, schools, libraries, museums and public housing projects.

He is the first post-modernist architect to receive the medal, which is likely to be presented in July.

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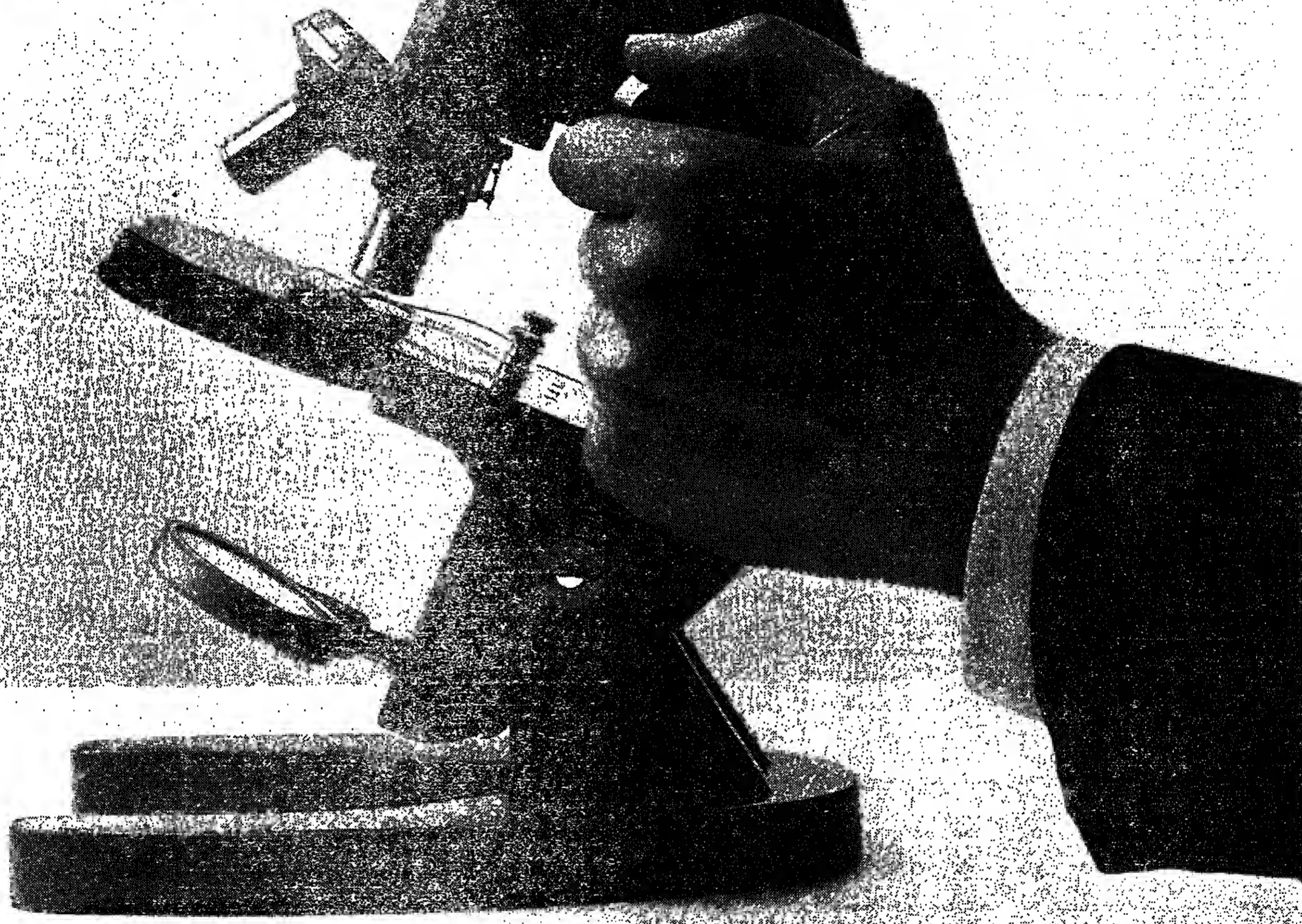
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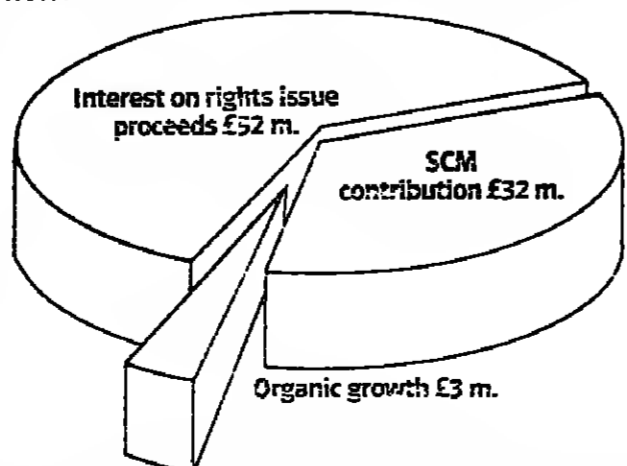


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Hanson's forecast profit increase of 34% just doesn't bear close examination.



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Mitterrand wins first skirmish with Chirac over two enabling Bills

Less than a week after the formation of France's first "cabinets" Government under the Fifth Republic, President Mitterrand and his right-wing Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac, have had their first skirmish, resulting in an apparent victory for M. Mitterrand.

Immediately after being appointed Prime Minister last Thursday, M. Chirac had announced his intention of introducing two enabling Bills. These were to allow the Government to bypass Parliament and legislate by decree, in order to bring back majority voting and to introduce a series of economic measures including the abolition of the requirement on employers to obtain government approval before declaring any workers redundant.

Asked if the President had specifically opposed the enactment by decree of the proposed reform, M. Alain Juppé, who has just been appointed the government spokesman, in addition to his responsibilities as Minister for the Budget, replied: "I would say that the discussion had been frank, to use the diplomatic formula".

Communist leadership stamps out dissent

The leadership of the French Communist Party has succeeded once again in imposing its hardline view and stamping out dissent within the party following the Communist's abysmal showing in last week's election.

The message was clear: no criticism of the leadership, its analysis of the reasons for the party's decline, or its proposals for the future was to be tolerated. M. Pierre Juquin, former party spokesman and now a leading *renouveau*, was criticized for his "attitude in contradiction with party rules during the election campaign".

Reagan's plea on budget snubbed

The Republican-controlled House and Senate also rejected Reagan's top priority call for a constitutional amendment requiring the US to have an annual balanced budget beginning in 1991.

House and Senate also requires ratification by three-quarters of the 50 states. It is always difficult to change the basic law of the United States. Only 26 amendments to the constitution have been ratified. The last was in 1971 making 18 the uniform voting age throughout the country.



M. Chirac arriving for yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

Nicaragua mocks Reagan 'ploy' Honduras attacks denied

The Nicaraguan Army Chief of Staff has denied White House reports that Sandinista troops attacked Contra camps inside Honduran territory, saying that this is yet another ploy by President Reagan to win his controversial bid for \$100 million (£66.6 million) in aid to the Contra rebels, who seek the overthrow of the Nicaraguan Government.

invading Honduras are the Contras and the North American Army," he said. The US currently has 4,000 troops in Honduras taking part in the latest of a series of joint military manoeuvres with the Honduran Army over the last three years. The presence of the US Army on the Honduran border has long been denounced as "a provocation" by the left-wing Sandinista Government.

On Tuesday there also appeared to have been some confusion in Honduran government circles. Government spokesmen initially denied knowledge of a Nicaraguan incursion but after President Reagan had pledged \$20 million in emergency military aid to the Honduran Army, they came into line.

Fighting backs case for Contra aid

The United States yesterday began air-lifting Honduran troops to the border with Nicaragua amid claims by the Reagan Administration that at least 800 Sandinista soldiers were trapped inside Honduras and were being ravaged by 3,000 American-backed guerrillas.

soldiers had mounted attacks on rebel bases 12 to 16 miles inside Honduran territory. But there were no reliable independent accounts of the intensity of the fighting which the White House is anxious to play up in order to strengthen President Reagan's request for \$100 million in aid for the guerrillas.

The House of Representatives last week rejected the request and is due to vote next month on its own plan for possible aid to the guerrillas. US military officials said 100 Sandinista soldiers - belonging to the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, the largest of the Contra groups - had been killed up to yesterday. The White House said Honduran soldiers were being ferried to the border in American helicopters but that US troops would not get involved.

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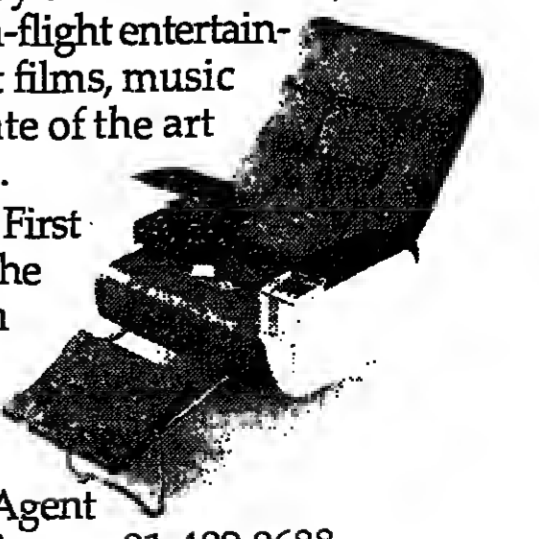
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Britons to stay in detention

Harare - The Zimbabwe High Court yesterday dismissed an application for the release of two Britons, Phillip Hartlebury and Colin Evans, former intelligence officers, who are being detained for allegedly spying for South Africa (Jan Raath writes).

Belgrade gloom on debt aid

Belgrade - Anglo-Yugoslav talks, which the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said at the end of a 24-hour visit were substantive and worthwhile, have given fresh impetus to the traditionally good relationship (Dessa Trevisan writes).

Pretoria and Lesotho seek a lasting peace

South Africa and Lesotho agreed yesterday that "lasting peace and stability" were of primary importance for their economic development, and undertook not to "allow their territories to be used for the planning and execution of acts of terrorism against the other".

first visit to South Africa since the coup, and the first visit by a Lesotho head of government in 20 years. It appears to have cemented the much more friendly relations that have prevailed between South Africa and Lesotho since Chief Jonathan was removed.

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Paper prints war crimes file naming Waldheim

Belgrade (Reuters) - A Yugoslav newspaper yesterday published a document naming Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former United Nations Secretary General, as a Nazi war criminal wanted in connection with murders, massacres and the shooting of hostages.

The document, issued by the Yugoslav State Commission on War Crimes on December 18, 1947, was published by *Vecernje Novosti*. Excerpts were later carried by Tanjug, the country's official news agency.

Vecernje Novosti said it obtained the document from Yugoslav archives, where a full dossier on Wehrmacht First Lieutenant Kurt Waldheim was filed under the number F-25572.

The paper said Yugoslavia had sent the document to the International War Crimes Commission in London in December 1947.

Its top page, reproduced by *Vecernje Novosti* in facsimile, said Dr Waldheim was in the IC Department of the German 'E' Army Headquarters under General Alexander Lohr. It accused him of "mur-

der, slaughter, shooting of hostages, demolition and destruction of property, and burning of villages".

It said the unit, in which Dr Waldheim worked from April 1944, played a key role in deciding on retaliatory measures against Yugoslav partisans.

Tanjug said: "Waldheim is said to have been responsible not only for carrying out these measures but also for issuing his own criminal orders". It said this was substantiated by the testimony of Herr Johann Meier, a close associate of Dr Waldheim, enclosed in the file.

Tanjug said Dr Waldheim had admitted in a telephone interview with *Vecernje Novosti* that he knew Yugoslavia had once accused him of war crimes. He claimed however that the Yugoslav list of war criminals included every German officer who took part in World War Two on Yugoslav territory.

"I repeat, I was not responsible for a single war crime on your territory," Dr Waldheim was quoted as saying.



An injured woman is helped to safety after yesterday's car bomb explosion in east Beirut.

Bomb blasts kill eight in Beirut

Beirut - Eight people were killed and more than 80 were wounded in two attacks in the Christian sector of Beirut yesterday when there was an abrupt escalation of violence (our Correspondent writes).

A bomb and a car packed with about 440lb of dynamite exploded within two hours in the Furn el-Shubbak and

Ashrafieh districts, near two offices of Christian President Amin Gemayel's right-wing Phalange Party. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks, the latest in a series of bombings since Syrian-backed Christian and Muslim militias launched a campaign to oust Mr Gemayel.

Shortly after the blasts, rockets fired by Muslim militiamen into East Beirut killed two more civilians and wounded 15, including four women, according to police.

The rocket attack coincided with artillery battles around Mr Gemayel's home town of Bikfaya, 10 miles north-east of Beirut.

War of words after Libya-US clash Suicide missions urged as Arab leaders close ranks

From Our Correspondent, Nicosia

A Libyan commentator yesterday called on the Arab world to form suicide squads to attack American interests "wherever they may be" in retaliation for the US military action against Libya.

In a statement on Tripoli radio, the anonymous commentator urged that the Arab nation transform itself "in its entirety into suicide squads and into human bombs". He added: "Let your missiles and suicide cells pursue American terrorist embassies and interests wherever they may be."

The call for retaliatory action came as US warships continued their manoeuvres off the Libyan coast yesterday and Arab leaders closed ranks behind Colonel Gaddafi.

There were no further reports - either from the Pentagon or on Tripoli radio - of confrontations in the Gulf of Sirte, which Libya claims as territorial waters but the US insists is international sea. On Monday and Tuesday more than two dozen US aircraft carriers and warships fired at four Libyan patrol boats, sinking three and damaging the other, and twice bombed a radar installation near the Libyan town of Sirte.

Libya has threatened retaliation, with Colonel Gaddafi pledging that "our brave confrontation will continue", and the Foreign Ministry saying that "we in Libya will consider any American target and the American and Mediterranean bases hostile targets, which we will confront".

The Soviet Union, a leading arms supplier to Libya, and many Arab leaders - ranging from the heads of radical

telephone Colonel Gaddafi on Tuesday and said that the kingdom "put all its resources at the disposal of the Libyan people" in their defence against the Americans.

Other pledges of support came from King Hassan of Morocco, who has a treaty of friendship with Libya, and from Syrian President Hafez Assad, who, with Colonel Gaddafi, supports Iran in its long-running war with Iraq, Jana said.

President Assad's telephone calls to Colonel Gaddafi on Monday and Tuesday were followed yesterday by a Syrian Cabinet statement describing the US military action as "an act of provocation", adding that it "constitutes a dangerous aspect of political and military terrorism being practised by the United States against the entire Arab nation".

The Arab leaders were thus adding their voices to the protest issued late on Tuesday night by the Arab League in Tunis.

The strongest denunciations came from Palestinian factions. In Damascus, the Abu Nidal group issued a statement saying that "anything American has become, from now on, a target for our revolutionaries".

The Libyan news agency Jana said that King Fahd had

Kremlin fails to back rhetoric

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The fierce Soviet rhetoric and lack of any accompanying action prompted by this week's military clashes between the US and Libya in the Gulf of Sirte have highlighted the often uncomfortable relationship between the Kremlin and Colonel Gaddafi, one of its closest allies in the Arab world.

Not for the first time since recent tensions between Washington and Tripoli were exacerbated by the December outrages at Rome and Vienna airports, a senior Kremlin spokesman has firmed publicly on the Libyan leader's behalf but balked at offering any additional Soviet military commitment to assist him in his confrontation with the US.

The difficulties in the relationship were exposed in an unprecedented fashion last October when the unpredictable colonel paid a three-day visit to Moscow and again failed to secure the long-delayed treaty of friendship and cooperation which he had hoped would be on offer from Mr Gorbachov.

Instead, behind a series of less than normally fulsome communiqués, it was learnt from Arab sources that the Libyan leader received what amounted to what one diplomat described as "a dressing-down" from Mr Gorbachov, who expressed particular annoyance that Soviet-supplied missiles were finding their way from Libya to Iran for use against Iraq, another Soviet ally.

Other causes of friction during the visit - marred by the mysterious failure of Colonel Gaddafi to turn up at a Kremlin reception arranged for him - were said to have included the Colonel's belligerent stubbornness on the whole Arab-Israeli question and his support for international terrorists.

The visit came at a time when the Kremlin leadership was working behind the scenes to improve its standing among moderate Arab states, with the aim of securing the Soviet

Union a place at any future Middle East peace negotiations. According to the Arab sources, another problematic issue at the talks in the Kremlin was Libya's large debt to Moscow, conservatively estimated at \$4 billion.

It is understood that the Libyan leader attempted to secure more favourable terms for repayment. One US official later described some of the exchanges between the two supposed allies as "hectorious", with Colonel Gaddafi adding assistance with a projected Libyan nuclear reactor to the unsuccessful shopping list which he brought from Tripoli.

Although reports from Beirut last month suggested that the friendship treaty which has eluded the Colonel since its signature was first said to be "imminent" three years ago, might soon be forthcoming in view of his growing difficulties with President Reagan, it has yet to materialize.

The Kremlin is quite happy to speak out toughly on Libya's behalf, but the signs are that Mr Gorbachov has too much on his plate to risk any greater Soviet involvement on Colonel Gaddafi's behalf, one senior diplomat said yesterday.

He added: "Reading the signals, it seems that although the Soviet authorities do not go so far as those in the West who regard Colonel Gaddafi as a 'madman', they are well aware of the wilder side of his character and are wary about how far they back him."

The Kremlin's caution, well disguised behind a barrage of verbal pyrotechnics against imperialism and US "banditry", is considered by foreign observers to be the dominant aspect of its Libyan policy in the latest crisis. But it is acknowledged here that this could quickly change in the face of greatly stepped-up US military involvement.

"Gorbachov is treading a narrow line which has both advantages and risks", a Middle East expert explained.

UK terror warning by Howe

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday put Britain on alert against the possibility of retaliatory attacks by Colonel Gaddafi's hit squads (Richard Evans writes).

His warning came after reports from the United States that Britain could become a prime target for Libyan revenge missions because of the large number of American tourists now here.

Sir Geoffrey, who was speaking at a Fulham by-election press conference, was questioned about the potential threat to Britain and said: "There can be no justification for a threat or for an act of that kind."

"But we know sadly, from our own experience, that we have to take a particular and continuous care to protect ourselves as far as we can against a threat of that kind."

TV crews' plane put to flight

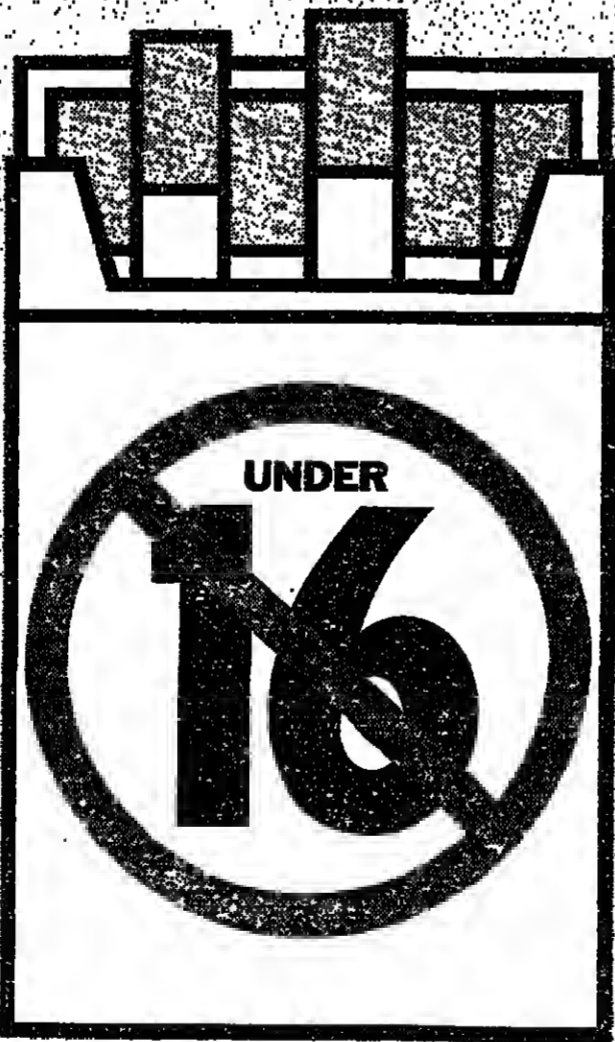
Washington (AFP) - A small plane chartered by American television networks to fly over the oval forces in the Mediterranean was intercepted by US Navy jets and told to leave the area.

Chartered by CBS, CNN and NBC in Italy, the aircraft was flying near the US Sixth Fleet when two Navy jets told it to remain well clear.

Ships threat
Washington (AFP) - The Libyan air force chief threatened to destroy three US aircraft carriers unless US forces stopped their aggressive acts. The *Washington Post* said the commander of the Sixth Fleet received the message hours before US warships first crossed the "line of death" drawn by Colonel Gaddafi across the Gulf of Sirte. The message ended: "Maintain peace; you will leave in peace."

Self-defence
Islamabad (Reuters) - The US Attorney-General, Mr Edwin Meese, said the Sixth Fleet had acted acted only after a "series of Libyan surface-to-air missile attacks endangered US planes and warships".

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Manila ready to charge Marcos

From Keith Dalton
Manila

Philippine officials said yesterday that they will bring criminal charges against deposed President Ferdinand Marcos in the hope of gaining access to his Swiss bank accounts earlier ordered frozen by the Swiss Government.

A special envoy, Mr Pedro Yap, will begin judicial moves in Bern, the Swiss capital, to extend indefinitely the freeze order, which includes all assets belonging to Mr Marcos, his family and companies.

The unprecedented hold order was transmitted to six banks. One bank is believed to hold a \$800 million (£533.3 million) deposit of Mr Marcos, the Commission on Good Government sources said recently.

Criminal charges against Mr Marcos will be filed on the return to Manila next week of Mr Jovito Salonga, the commission chairman. Mr Salonga is optimistic that he has sufficient evidence, obtained in the United States, to prove to Swiss authorities that the former President's money was illegally obtained, the senior commissioner, Mr Raul Daza, said.

To gain access to the accounts, the commission must supply evidence that the assets were obtained by means also considered illegal in Switzerland, Mr Daza told a press conference.

The commission has already linked the former President with property and business interests in the US totalling at least \$1 billion, Mr Daza said. A conservative estimate of his sequestered assets in the Philippines was \$150 million.

President Aquino, who ordered the inquiry, was yesterday denounced as a "dictator" for abolishing the 190-member National Assembly and



Mr Rodolfo Caseja, aged 54, one of 92 Filipino workers released in Zaire after being taken hostage in Angola by Unita rebels, is embraced by his wife and daughter at Manila airport

establishing a provisional government.

Eighty former assemblymen, including 15 parliamentarians who had campaigned for Mrs Aquino in last month's election, said her decision to abolish the assembly robbed the Filipino people of their elected representatives and stripped assemblymen of office while only one third through their six-year term.

GENEVA: Mr Yap's imminent arrival in Bern was one reason for the Swiss Government ordering a freeze on any funds in six banks held in the name of the Marcoses or anyone closely associated with them (Alan McGregor writes).

The other reason, officials said, was attempts being made to transfer money out of Switzerland in President Marcos's name. The banks,

Swiss and foreign, were not identified, but are regarded by the Government as "likely" to be involved.

The Swiss Cabinet meeting yesterday was attended by Mr Hermann Bodenmann, president of the Official Banking Commission. Shortly afterwards it was announced that the freeze had been extended to "other banking establishments".

The Philippines authorities say that about \$2 billion should be in Switzerland on the basis of information contained in the 2,300 documents carried by the Marcoses when they left Manila and seized by US Customs on arrival in Honolulu. The documents give origins and amounts.

Because of this flood of information, the matter is far more out in the open than was the case with assets belonging to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, the Shah of Iran, or the former Nicaraguan President, Señor Anastasio Somoza. With those, banking secrecy remained intact, so the Ethiopian Government is believed finally to have got about \$100 million.

Also, the Aquino Government has US support, in addition to being well regarded by the Swiss Government. The banks' essential requirement for opening their books is that legal proceedings in proper form be instituted regarding an offence recognized in the Swiss penal code. Appropriation of public funds would be in that category.

Argentina recalls 1976 coup with strike

From a Correspondent
Buenos Aires

The tenth anniversary of the Peronist Government of Isabel Martinez de Peron and made Argentina one of the world's human rights pariahs was marked by a small demonstration and preparations for the following day's general strike.

The strike, the fifth since the return of civilian government and the second this year, received support from the leader of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, Señora Hebe de Bonafini who, speaking before an estimated crowd of 10,000, repudiated the "dictatorship that took over to rob, rape, torture, murder and oppress the people."

The human rights leader castigated the 27-month-old civilian Government of President Alfonsín for raising armed forces' salaries and failing to condemn leading figures from the military Government. She pledged support for the workers' demands.

Tuesday's strike, called by the General Confederation of Labour to demand wage concessions, was less successful than the January strike. Official Government figures put support at 60.87 per cent, down from 86 per cent two months ago.

Sikh chief escapes as riot kills seven

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The moderate Sikh Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, had a narrow escape yesterday in a clash between his supporters and Sikh extremists, which left seven people dead and 22 injured.

The clash occurred on one of the main holidays of the Indian calendar. On this day, which marks the end of winter in northern India and the start of the hot weather, Sikh leaders gather at the holy city of Anandpur Sahib, where the last Sikh guru baptized his followers.

Yesterday there were two meetings: one to be addressed by Mr Surjit Singh and other Punjab ministers, and another, much larger, organized by members of the Damdami Taksal, the religious group once headed by Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the extremist leader killed in the siege of the Golden Temple of Amritsar in 1984.

The Damdami Taksal extremists threatened that if one of their leaders was not released from arrest they would not allow Mr Surjit Singh's meeting to take place. As they saw him and his Finance Minister, Mr Balwant Singh, arrive at the stand, 400 yards from their own, a cry went up to blockade him.

Police moved in with tear gas and batons, and there was a confused period in which firing was alleged by both sides. The Tourism Minister had a narrow escape when extremists fired at his car. Eventually police opened fire on the militants.

The deaths are bound to cause further trouble in the state as the young hotheads of the All-India Sikh Students' Federation and the United Akali Dal, the activist splinter of the Sikh party, take up the cause of the dead as martyrs.

Mr Surjit Singh, who had begun to speak as the mob moved towards him, last night issued a statement condemning the violation of the holy congregation by the "murderous assault".

prosecutor said expected evidence had not "materialized".

The hearing of the second defendant,INDERJIT SINGH REYAT, aged 34, was continuing yesterday.

The two were arrested in November in connection with the crash of an Air India jet

Air India crash suspect freed

Ottawa - One of two Canadian Sikhs charged with possessing explosives has been discharged by a court in Duncan, British Columbia (John Best writes).

Judge Robert Metzger released Talwinder Singh Parmar, aged 42, after the

First step towards US-Polish thaw

From Our Own Correspondent, Warsaw

A high-ranking emissary from the United States has held lengthy talks with General Jaruzelski, the Polish Head of State, taking the first step towards thawing the icy relations between Washington and Warsaw.

A US Embassy spokesman yesterday confirmed that Mr Walter Stoessel, a former Deputy Secretary of State, had met General Jaruzelski and other government officials during a "private" stay in Warsaw last week.

The Americans emphasize the unofficial character of the visit. Mr Stoessel has retired from the foreign service and, as a former ambassador to Warsaw, he still has many private ties with Poland.

But the ambassador's visit was clearly more than a stint of nostalgic tourism. Although General Jaruzelski had a senior Soviet guest - Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister - and was expecting Warsaw Pact foreign ministers for important consultations, he set aside several hours for Mr Stoessel.

The unusual sight of the US head of mission's elongated official car outside a Polish Foreign Ministry fluttering with Soviet flags spawned the

first rumours of a breakthrough in relations.

Mr Stoessel also ranks as rather more than an old-age pensioner. He headed the US delegation to the recent cultural forum in Budapest, and is regarded in Washington as one of the most skilled practitioners in East-West contacts.

US-Polish relations were one of the main casualties of the fractured links between East and West. Since the Soviet-American summit in Geneva the frosty relations seem to have made little sense.

When Poland lifted martial law and amnestied several hundred political prisoners it answered some of Washington's main complaints.

The United States, in turn, has removed most of its economic sanctions against Poland, and it now seems certain that Warsaw will be allowed into the International Monetary Fund this year. But still the two countries are locked into several bitter, minor rows, such as a protocol argument over accepting a new US ambassador.

Mr Stoessel, who also met the Polish Primate, Cardinal Glemp, may have lifted US-Polish relations on to a more interesting plane.

Spanish police chief cleared after appeal

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

To the delight of Spain's police, the Supreme Court has absolved the former chief of anti-terrorist squads, who had been found guilty by a lower court of refusing to disclose the names of three gunmen, believed to be anti-terrorist hit-men, whom he had released after a shooting incident.

However, a spokesman for Spain's Judges for Democracy movement said the judgement created "extraordinary risks" by apparently reducing "the already restricted powers the courts exercise over increasingly autonomous police forces".

"I am defending the state," Señor Manuel Ballesteros, the chief of the anti-terrorist squads for four years during Centre Democrat governments, told the appeal court.

The five judges found unanimously that the 50-year-old Police Commissioner had not acted with malice when he declined six times to give an investigating magistrate the names of three hired gunmen and acquitted him.

The men had been held responsible by the lower court for a shooting incident in which two people were killed and ten others injured in a bar

frequented by Spanish Basques in Hendaye, across the French frontier, in November 1980.

Señor Ballesteros ordered the men set free without charges after they crashed through the Spanish frontier post shortly after the shootings in a car with false number-plates.

The Supreme Court justified the Commissioner's "error" bearing in mind his capacity of "confusion" in the anti-terrorist struggle - the judges described the three men - and the need to uphold morale among police subordinates.

The court quashed the ruling of a San Sebastian court in May last year sentencing the anti-terrorist chief to three years' suspension from all police duties for failing to collaborate with justice.

That ruling marked the first time since the advent of democracy in 1977 that a Spanish police chief had been so punished. It provoked intense dissatisfaction among senior police in Madrid, and when the appeal came before the Supreme Court both Interior Ministry officials and the chief public prosecutor backed Señor Ballesteros.

Canada dollar note replaced by nickel coin

Ottawa - The Canadian \$1 note is to be replaced after 117 years of service by an 11-sided, gold-coloured coin (John Best writes).

The first of 300 million new coin dollars, made of nickel, will appear in January, the rest following over three years. The dollar note will be withdrawn during 1989, after which it will no longer be legal tender.

Announcing the change this week, Mr Stewart McInnes, Minister of Supply and Services, said that two surveys in the last three years indicated that most Canadians favoured a coin dollar.

Lahore needy cause Mother Theresa grief

Islamabad - Mother Teresa, who is in Lahore to see some of Pakistan's projects for handicapped children, could barely hide her grief when she learnt that only 1,500 of an estimated 75,000 mentally retarded children in the Punjab capital are receiving medical attention (Hasan Akhtar writes).

It is only in recent years that decent, scientifically-run centres have been established in Pakistan in place of Dickensian-like orphanages. According to a Lahore press report, Mother Teresa quivered in agony but remained silent when she heard the figures.

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Troubled New Zealand opposition party drops unpopular leader

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand's troubled opposition National Party yesterday dumped its leader, Mr Jim McLay, aged 41, a lawyer. It replaced him with a conservative farmer and father of nine, Mr Jim Bolger, aged 53, the former deputy leader.

One of the party's most experienced former Cabinet ministers, Mr George Gair, aged 59, was elected as the new deputy. Mr McLay was seen as a victim of the opinion polls, and the coup at yesterday's meeting of the party caucus came as no great surprise.

Mr McLay, who succeeded Sir Robert Muldoon 16 months ago, after the National Party lost a general election, had in recent months been setting new records for low polling figures, dropping to only 3.2 per cent support as the preferred Prime Minister.

This compared with the 16 per cent for Sir Robert Muldoon, the man he ousted, 32 per cent for the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, and 6 per cent for Mr Bolger.

While a coup attempt against Mr McLay failed last year, officials said MPs were unnerved by the continued poor showing of Mr McLay, and that this was exaggerated by the concern shown at party branch annual meetings.

Sir Robert has also waged a campaign of criticism against Mr McLay. When Mr McLay responded by sending Sir Robert to the back-bench in October, Sir Robert fumed: "It's just the latest action by a panic-stricken leader, who now, I think, has reached the stage when it's not just a question of whether he goes, but when. It is a crazy reaction which indicates he is totally unfit to lead the National Party."



President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt greeting Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who arrived in Cairo for talks yesterday.

Bangladeshi girls sold as slaves

Delhi (AFP) - Slave runners are smuggling Bangladeshi girls into India to be sold in Pakistan and Gulf countries as concubines, aid workers have charged here.

She described how Pakistani agents told her she was to be sold and that she should accompany them to her new master. She managed to escape at a Delhi railway station.

In addition to Pakistan, the girls are being sent to Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, Mr Pratap alleged.

China to double borrowings from overseas

Peking (AFP) - China will more than double its foreign borrowings this year while trying to strengthen its control over foreign debt and commercial borrowings, senior Chinese officials said yesterday.

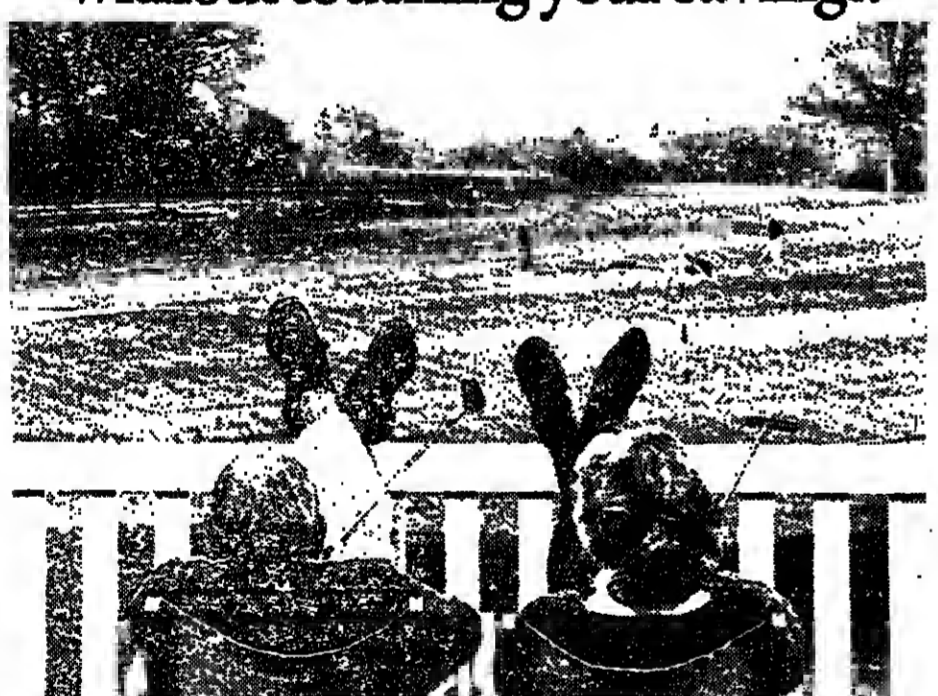
total military spending because much of it was classified under other budget categories. The increased foreign borrowings will be a mere fraction of the £44 billion 1986 balanced budget.

China's record trade deficit of about £10 billion in 1985 was not mentioned by either minister.

Grain production, which dropped from a record 407 million tons in 1984 to 378 million tons last year, was forecast to reach at least 400 million tons through a moderate increase in agricultural investment and economic policies to assist grain growers.

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Turmoil in Liberia Challenge mounts to rule of Doe

From Richard Everett Monrovia

The political situation in Liberia is deteriorating rapidly in the wake of last week's student riots and the burning of a rally called by the opposition parties, according to diplomats here.

erament placards attacked private schools that had remained open despite the strike, smashing windows and forcing pupils and teachers out of the classrooms. They also overturned cars and erected barricades in the streets causing thousands of dollars in damage.

The teachers' walk-out triggered riots by pupils who, frustrated by last class time and steadily declining examination results, staged a protest march.

President Doe called out the Army and soldiers dispersed the pupils with whips and tear gas. The President then announced the immediate closure of all schools for Easter break.

A new constitution came into effect on January 6, when General Doe was inaugurated as civilian President, and opposition politicians say this has encouraged them to seek freedoms denied under the military regime he used to head.

The opposition said it would pursue legal means to get permission for the rally, but sources close to the grand coalition said there could be a call for a general strike later this week.

School pupils carrying anti-private school and anti-government placards



President Doe: called out troops against pupils.

Editor defends Reuter journalist ordered out

Singapore (Reuters) - Reuter correspondent Marilyn Ockhimer left for Hong Kong yesterday after the Singapore Government had accused her of irresponsible reporting, revoked her employment pass, and given her 48 hours to leave.

the survivor with the permission of the hospital authorities.

She was ordered out because of a story she wrote on March 18 quoting a survivor of a Singapore hotel collapse as saying he heard a rescue worker demand money from a dying woman before trying to save her.

Mr Macdowell said "I have heard a tape recording of the third interview. He was perfectly lucid and coherent and Miss Ockhimer's report is an accurate account".

Defector blames Seoul

Tokyo (AP) - A South Korean intelligence officer who defected to the North condemned relations between Seoul and Washington and described the South's intelligence operations at a news conference in Pyongyang.

The report, monitored in Tokyo, said Mr Chong Dong Ik decided to defect "when he realized with bitterness that the South Korean rulers are not concerned about the future of the nation".

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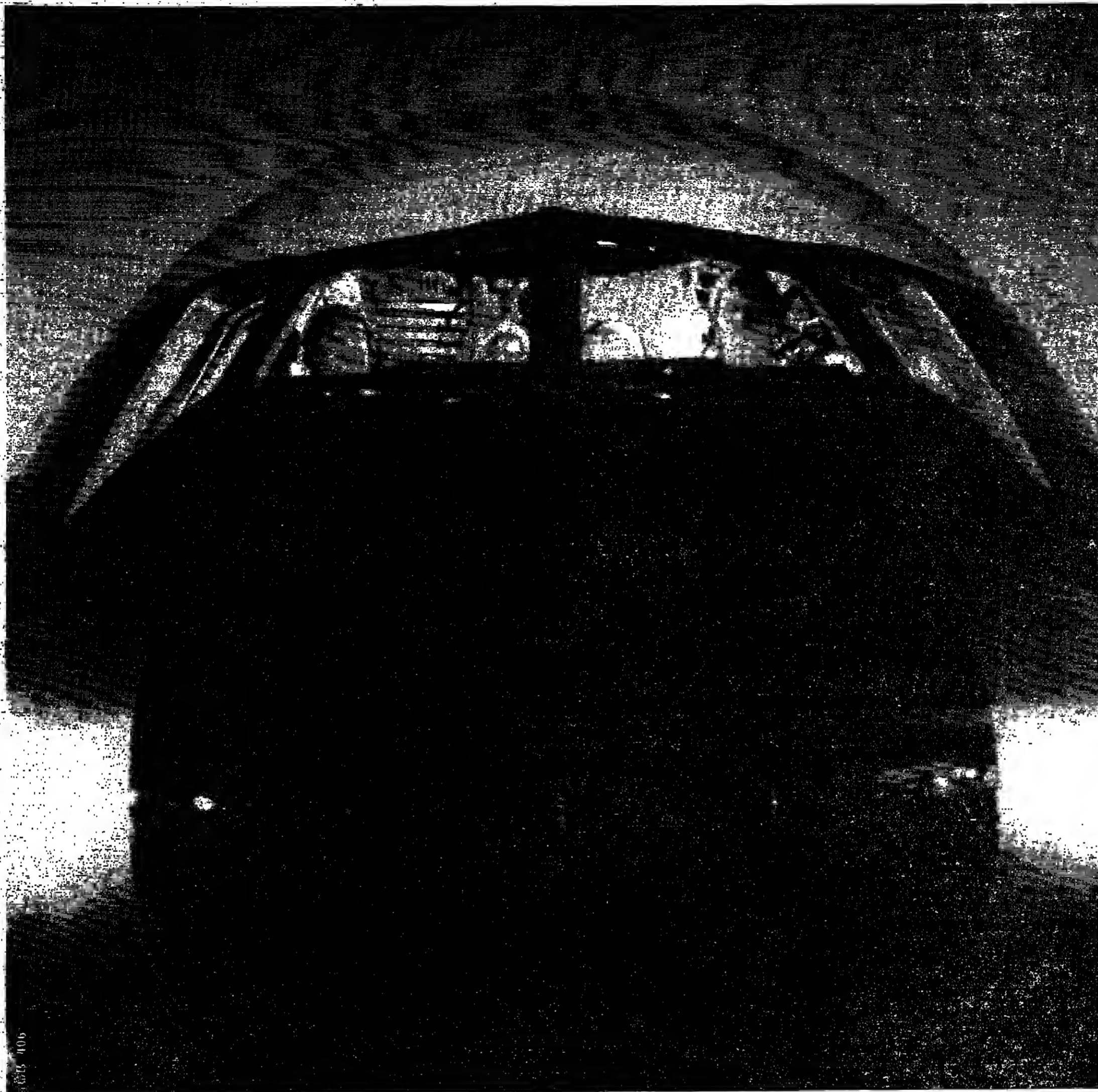
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London's new pilot takes command

THE TIMES PROFILE

SIR GODFREY TAYLOR

The case of the businessman who builds up his office from a staff of 16 to one of 4,300 sounds like an episode from a Victorian self-improvement tract. A businessman who does it in a single week might sound far gone in expansionist arrogance. A man who, like Sir Godfrey Taylor, commodes of the cutting-up expedition against the Greater London Council, does so with every intention of running the operation down to 2,000 within a year and complete closure within five years has evidently embraced staff turnover as an end in itself. But that is exactly the business of "Tag" Taylor.

Chairman of London's smallest business with a budget of £600 million and a penthouse office surveying Trafalgar Square, Taylor, aged 60, is the assigned recipient of all the unresolved squabbles and headaches left behind by the abolition of the GLC. Few issues in the life of this Government have engendered such apocalyptic outbursts of parliamentary rage and alarm. All the functions of that embodiment of the cockney democratic spirit, it was claimed, were to be assigned to faceless bureaucrats, natural huts for public resentment over every hiccup in the immensely complicated transfer of power.

The very name of the organization created to pick up the loose ends - the London Residuary Body - has a dismal, funereal air, as if it should be staffed by morticians and executors of wills.

The apocalypse is due this weekend, and the chief of the 16 faceless bureaucrats, a trim, former wartime pilot with handlebar eyebrows and a penchant for fast cars, is visibly thriving on the prospect.

"I think our problems are just beginning", he harks breezily. "So far, it has gone much more smoothly than I would ever have thought. But we have been dealing mainly with the big things. They tend to take care of themselves - the resources are there and, bingo, it happens. It is the small things that take time to resolve."

where the bulk of the GLC is being broken up, he has the special qualification of having been one of those who helped to design the vessel 11 years ago. And though he is firmly convinced that the GLC is so wasteful and pretentious that it richly deserves abolition, he is not sure that in the end London will not need some form of strategic authority to replace it.

"I happen to believe that there may be a requirement for some strategic powers to be devolved to Greater London. I regard our job here as producing what I call a flat surface. Then in five or 10 years, the politicians will be able to say, 'Do we need a strategic authority or not?' But if there is one, it will have to be strictly confined, because the lack of strict confinement has been the cause of the GLC's self-destruction."

When the beleaguered Patrick Jenkin was casting around for someone to wind up the GLC estate, Tag Taylor (the nickname is a compression of "Taylor, A.G." in local government year-books) was a natural choice. He had years of experience in London local government and proven managerial ability as well, both in business and as chairman of the Southern Water Authority.

"The whole thing had become so political we thought it had to be a politician doing the job, rather than someone like a GLC official", Jenkin says. "Tag is a robust man who understands the politics and does not hesitate to speak his mind; someone with whom moderate Labour politicians, at least, could get on."

According to Tom Caulcott, who was secretary of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities when Taylor led the Tory opposition there, Taylor entered so robustly into the fray when the association was campaigning against Jenkin's unitary grant proposals that some Labour members were half-seriously saying they wished they could make him chairman.

He is decidedly on the wet side of his party, with firm ideas about constitutional propriety, and a



Handlebar eyebrows, an understanding of politics, briskly exercised authority: Sir Godfrey in his office

social conscience. It is said he disapproves of the Government's recent plans to privatize England's water authorities, on the very un-Thatcherite grounds that natural monopolies are better off publicly owned.

Tag Taylor is far from being one of those whose Toryism is hereditary. Son of a Manchester railwayman, he went from school into apprenticeship as a costing clerk in a printing company, but soon left to join the Fleet Air Arm, seeing active service as a pilot in the vast airbase Pacific campaigns in HMS Implacable.

After the war he returned to the printing industry and in 1964 formed his own company, printing computer paperwork. When he was bought out he was left with a golden handshake and time on his hands. Despite his insubordination over unitary grants, the Government offered him the chairmanship of the SWA. He enjoyed himself there: the two main decorations in his rather spare office are pictures of the old Ark Royal and an aerial view of one of his favourite reservoirs.

BIOGRAPHY

- 1925: Born Manchester. Educated at Stockport Secondary School. Second World War: Fleet Air Arm.
- 1945: Married Eileen Dorothy Daniel; one son, three daughters.
- 1951: Councillor, Sutton and Cheam (leader, London borough of Sutton 1961-72).
- 1968-71: Chairman, London Boroughs Association.
- 1976-80: Chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities.
- 1981: Chairman, Southern Water Authority.
- 1984-85: High Sheriff of Greater London.
- May 1985: Chairman, London Residuary Body.

phrase about where the buck stops is often on his lips, and he points out almost wistfully that in the transfer of London services, the buck will stop with him less often, and more briefly, than popular demology might suppose.

The GLC was never as important a provider of services as its public image implied. Ken Livingstone was not the first leader of the council to pass himself off as virtually the Prime Minister of London. It is the London boroughs which are responsible for 80 per cent of council services in London, and in the boroughs the men of weight - Sir Godfrey was one of them for many years - traditionally resented this exercise in effortless superiority. Now it is a borough man who presides over the dismemberment of the great rival, and the boroughs which inherit most of its responsibilities. These include planning, parks, traffic, fire-fighting, historic buildings and waste disposal. The GLC's remaining housing responsibilities and its controversial powers to make grants to favoured organizations will pass to the boroughs, or be shared between them and Whitehall.

The residuary body has ended up with the GLC's debts, assets, mortgage and pension commitments, those of its 21,500 workforce who have not been assigned to other employers and anything where the boroughs cannot agree on how to share out their windfall. In practice, this last category has boiled down to Hampstead Heath and a few half-forgotten services like giving permission for the passage of lorries carrying abnormal loads.

"We are not just sitting back waiting for the boroughs to fight it all out between themselves. It is not for us to decide a solution, but to recommend. One of my board members is already discussing the future of Hampstead Heath with the three boroughs, which cannot agree who should run it. He's getting his feet wet", says Sir

Godfrey, who evidently approves of those who get their feet wet.

He is entitled to crow a little for having played on the Government's anxiety to avoid a troublesome transition, and persuaded ministers to relax restrictions on the use of mortgage repayments, thus reducing the Treasury's burden on ratepayers to below a third of initial estimates. Some Westminster Tories are still a little resentful of his success in this line. "They opened their mouth a little wide", one of them put it. He is one of the few remaining Tories who still speak confidently of abolition as a money-saving exercise.

He has briskly steered clear of many of the political minefields of the situation by insisting that his business lies essentially with the officials who run council services, and not with the councillors who make the policies. With a subtle sense of protocol, he has insisted that he should stay in his office while others - including Ken Livingstone himself on occasion - make their way to his door. He has entered County Hall only twice since he was appointed. County Hall is one of the 10,000 pieces of GLC property which remain to be disposed of, and is likely to go on the market shortly after a feasibility report next month. Perhaps Tag Taylor's avoidance of that great monument of municipal megalomania is an acknowledgement of the sinister psychological effect it can have on its occupants. Its imperial grandeur seems to impel quasi-imperial bureaucrats to unfold almost of their own volition. No move has come from Westminster, says Taylor, to make the building over as an MP's secretariat - and wisely so. Of this one can be sure: nothing will ever induce Tag Taylor to let his staff loose in its Parkinsonian corridors and risk falling prey to the same malign influence.

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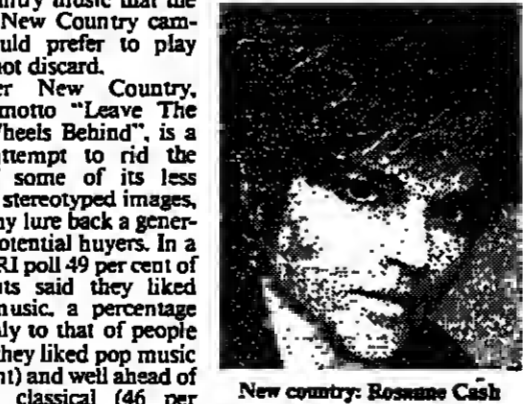
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Old Country blues

The big changes currently afoot in country music were indicated by Hank Williams Jr as long ago as 1979, when he sang "country music singers have always been a real close family. But lately some of my kinfolks have disowned a few others and me..."



quoting Tammy Wynette as saying: "If this trend continues, there won't be any more country stars, because there won't be any money in it". The article was not received with enthusiasm. "That story was a hit dated", says George Hamilton IV, an old school country gentleman, who will be performing and competing at the Wembley Festival, wagon wheels or not. "He was quoting figures comparative to the boom period that country enjoyed after the *Urban Cowboy* movie in 1980. For a while, everybody was cowboy conscious, and sales

country from the immensely popular Music Television (MTV) cable channel and other pop music video outlets. Steven Greenberg, a research scholar at the Pennsylvania University School of Communication noted that "1975 to 1982 marked country's most successful cross-over period ever, with 1983-85 (when MTV gained its ascendancy) marking one of its worst droughts. The early decision to exclude it from (video) programming was what relegated country music to the fringes of the pop world."

Could it be, then, that the New Country campaign is simply a British marketing ploy by the American record companies?

"Absolutely not", said Cynthis Lea, European manager of the country Music Association. "These acts are hugely successful in the States, and new artists like Rosanne Cash and the Judds really represent what is going to rejuvenate Nashville."

Behind a silk curtain

Today, Maundy Thursday, is the day on which by tradition the Lord Chancellor publishes the list of barristers lucky enough to be promoted to the upper ranks of the practising Bar.

The privileged few will wear silk instead of cotton gowns, put QC for Queen's Counsel after their names and gain a passport to the long-term to much greater earnings. But, more important, taking silk is an essential stepping stone for any barrister aspiring to the judiciary.

The appointments system, as for all other promotion in the legal profession, has always been shrouded in secrecy. No reasons have been given for rejection and barristers may have to apply several times before they are successful.

There have been proposals for reform. It is anomalous, critics believe, that the Lord Chancellor and his civil servants, a branch of government, should be involved in selecting the senior ranks of the Bar. It does not happen within the solicitors' branch of the profession. The proposal has been made that the job should be removed entirely from the Lord Chancellor and placed with a committee of QCs, headed by a judge, who - it is argued - could do the job just as well.

The changes now being made may stop short of that. But any reform which sheds light on that most mysterious of professions must be in the public interest.

Frances Gibb

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19 Money pouch (5)

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4 Ripe (6)

5 Blackleg (4)

6 Overrun (6)

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12 Outdo (3)

14 Advocate (8)

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BOOKS

Writer as a young porcupine

James Fenton reviews this week's new books on Papa



HEMINGWAY
By Jeffrey Meyers
Macmillan, £16.95
ALONG WITH YOUTH
Hemingway, The Early Years
By Peter Griffin
Oxford, £12.95

It is interesting to compare the way a fact in one biographer's treatment appears elsewhere. Jeffrey Meyers has given us a large, one-volume account of Hemingway's life and works. Peter Griffin offers the first volume of a much more detailed account. In the Meyers volume we are told that Hemingway, when he was about six, 'locked a sleeping porcupine in the woodshed of the schoolhouse and then savagely backed it to pieces with an ax.' In the Griffin version we are given the source material in full. Here it is:
Dear Papa.
Today Mamma and the rest of us took walk We walked to the school house Marcelline ran on ahead while we stood at Clauses in a little while she came back she said that in the wood shed of the school house she was a porcupine, so we went up there and looked in the door. the porcupine was asleep I went in a gave I a wack with the ax. then I gave I another and another, then I crouched in the wood. We came to Mr. Claus and he got his gun and

inattentive to her. 'Unless [you] come into your manhood,' she says. 'There's nothing before you but bankruptcy, you're overdrawn.' And in the ensuing passage she explains what her idea of Ernest's manhood is:
The account needs some deposits, by this time, good-sized ones in the way of gratitude and appreciation. Interest in Mother's ideas and affairs. Little comforts provided for the home. A desire to favor any of Mother's peculiar prejudices, on no account to outrage her ideal. Flowers, fruit, candy or something to wear, brought home to Mother with a kiss and a squeeze. The unfeeling desire to make much of her feeble efforts, to praise her cooking, back up her little schemes. A real interest in hearing her sing or play the piano, or tell the stories that she loves to tell - a surreptitious paying of bills, just to get them off Mother's mind.

The list does not end there. Grace was the original totalitarian mother, and what she was telling Hemingway was, unless he stopped all impure and unworthy behaviour and devoted himself entirely to her - he wasn't to come back again. Not surprisingly, Hemingway went off and married an older woman.
The Griffin version, then, appears to get one much closer to its subject on points of psychological detail, but this is not to say that it is always superior to Meyers. It ends before Hemingway had written any of the stories that made him famous. It contradicts Meyers on several points. But I couldn't help noticing that on page 65 Griffin reproduces, and appears to take at face value, a story which is obviously nothing more than that - a good Tall Story.
The Meyers version points out how very difficult it is to establish the facts about Hemingway's life, because of the way the legend took over (and in the end corrupted the life itself). A turning-point appears to come when

Hemingway moves to Key West and away from the company of his intellectual and artistic peers. In an awfully telling sentence, Meyers summarizes the matter thus: 'He was a great listener before he moved to Key West and a great talker afterwards.' I'm not sure though that I agree with Meyers a few pages later when he says: 'A man is essentially what he hides.' A man is essentially other things too. A man is what he does, for instance.
Damon Runyon said of Hemingway: 'Few men can stand the strain of relaxing with him over an extended period.' He was clearly, to put it mildly, competitive, and he was not a generous critic of his contemporaries' work. Of his friendships, Don Stewart wrote:
The minute he began to love you, or the minute he began to have some sort of obligation to you of love or friendship or something, then you when he had to kill you. Then you were too close to something he was protecting. He one-by-one, knocked off the best friendships he ever had. He did it with Scott [Fitzgerald]; he did it with Das Passos - with everybody. I think it was a psychological fear he had that you might ask something from him. He didn't want to be overdrawn at your bank. That was what his mother said before he broke away: he was overdrawn with her.

Poor cat i' the adage
FICTION
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By Iris Murdoch
Chatto & Windus, £8.95

going through a life crisis, wondering why he is so lonely, life is so boring, and his wife no longer loves him. One could tell him why, if only he would listen. The book darts backwards and forwards in time and place, from the Thirties to the Eighties, and from Warsaw to the Goldhawk Road. It is tricky to write about loneliness and boredom without becoming boring. Carl Gèbler is clever and psychologically perceptive enough to pull off the trick. But his characters, though tossed by the storms of our century, are British miniatures not American epics.
I have put Tennis and the Masai on my list of silly titles of the year. It is set in the uplands of Kenya in an English prep school called Hagard Hall (houses: Gagool, Umbopo, Quatermain). An English innocent called Martin Riddle comes out to teach geometry and grow up. For the school-teaching profession, up-country Kenya must be the end of the line. There is a cast of grotesque and funny characters, references to Hemingway, Haggard, and Waugh (which may be going too far); jolly japes and agreeable contradictions, in which the Masai are the civilized and the old colonialists are the savages. But as a theme for a novel, how a spell in Africa will increase your self-confidence and get you through the R.C.B. into a good line regiment is mini.

unfolding, in which everyone loses. On the other hand, maybe not. The book is sound on cats, and offers as much curious matter on such topics as the oestrus in lions as a notion could want. If sometimes the symbolism and moralizing about the animal in human nature, and the importance of looking through the bars of life not at them goes over the top, this is an ambitious, adventurous, unusual novel. I liked it a lot.
Carlo Gèbler's second novel is also a cleverly constructed mosaic, with its climax also at an historical event, in this case the eve of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1981. You can guess the climax as inevitably as that poor old lion getting out of its cage. August Slemic (his Christian name is the reason for the book's tiresome title) is a refugee from Poland who has become a successful London estate agent. He is now 60, and

The Fabian woman of parts

When Beatrice and Sydney Webb visited Margaret and Douglas Cole they took a cod-fish. Beatrice explained that when invited to visit aristocratic friends they were expected to bring a salmon. As salmon was too expensive, she had brought a cod instead. The Coles were the second great husband and wife Fabian partnership, and their marriage and work together received the approval of the first Beatrice described them as "perfect intellectual companions".
Betty Vernon has produced a readable if uncritical account of Margaret Cole's life. For half a century Mrs Cole was at the centre of a circle of politicians and intellectuals who helped to shape British Democratic Socialism. Her life's work was dedicated to the Fabian Society, although she was also a member of the London County Council, as well as a prolific author ranging from poetry to political tracts.
We learn she grew up in the protected, but intellectually rigorous world of a Cambridge academic household. Her father, best known for Postgate's Latin Primer, insisted that his children should not only read and write Latin but also converse in it. At Girton, where she gained a first in Classics, a contemporary described her as so clever she didn't fit in. Her conservatism to socialism cannot not through her occasional reading of the nor conventionally through exposure to working class poverty in the Cambridge

clubs of the East End. Although she was influenced by the writings of H.G. Wells and Shaw, the catalyst was the imprisonment of her brother Raymond as a conscientious objector. Her conversion complete, she abandoned a safe career in teaching and went to work for the Fabian Research Bureau at the age of 23. Thus began an association with the Fabians that lasted more than 60 years and in the Thirties ensured its survival as an intellectual force in the labour movement. There too she met G.D.H. Cole, and married him soon after.
Self-willed and unconventional, she surprised her contemporaries by her pipe-smoking, and the passion and vehemence with which she argued. Handsome and brilliant, he emerges from this study as sometimes misanthropic and often difficult. Throughout their marriage, Margaret loved and honoured him, at the same time as pursuing her separate and their joint interests.
Together they edited the journal of the Guild Socialists, produced a stream of pamphlets for the Labour Party and the Fabians, and found time to write detective stories.

He pursued his academic writing, and she edited the monthly bulletin of the Labour Research Department. Although her output did not match that of Beatrice, whose biography she wrote and edited, it was considerable, ranging from early pamphlets on the regulation of wages to tracts in the Fifties on comprehensive schools. Unfortunately there is no assessment in this biography of the quality of her work. Much of it was certainly ephemeral, but we are also told little about its impact on policy-making at the time.
Margaret Cole played her part as a politician and policy-maker as Chairman of the Further and Higher Education Sub-Committee of the LCC. Her husband looked down on this work, although, by helping to shape London's post-school education, her influence may have been more significant in this role than in her writing. Why she never tried to become an MP is not addressed. Epitomizing the highly educated and politically committed women of her generation, she had a full-time job for only a few years. She was neither an academic, politician, journalist, nor administrator. Instead, with indefatigable energy, she performed all roles, as well as bringing up three children. She was strong-willed and cantankerous, yet a remarkable woman. Betty Vernon has served us well in putting on record her life and achievements.

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In the world of modern publishing, the festschrift is an anomaly. This is a pity, because the idea of "essays in honour" is a pleasant one. The essays may be by the great man's peers or by his pupils, usually, as here, they are a judicious mixture of the two. Either way, it is an appropriate way for fellow-historians to pay a tribute of admiration, indebtedness, and very often friendship. It is a measure of the affection as well as the respect in which Alan Taylor is nowadays held in the profession that once sighted him, that this is the third collection to be presented to him, marking his 60th, 70th, and now 80th birthdays.

Nevertheless, festschrifts rarely justify themselves as books. This is partly the problem that afflicts any book of essays by divers hands; but it is aggravated by the need to represent all the dedicatee's wide interests, which rules out a unifying theme. (The title of this one well expresses its variety). It also reflects the fact that the contributors nowadays are all hard-pressed academics without the leisure to write an essay genuinely in honour of the occasion: they are more likely to proffer an off-cut from work in progress, with a dutiful reference to Mr Taylor worked in at the beginning. It is very proper of Hamish Hamilton to commission another tribute to one of their long-time best-selling authors (though less proper of them to have presented it on the jacket as though it were by Mr Taylor himself). But one wishes they could have found a less tired format that did him more real honour.
It is not the fault of the editor, who has assembled good names. None of the essays is uninteresting. They range from Gladstone and Bright to the Marshall Plan, and from Austen Chamberlain to the Comintern. All are contributions to scholarship. But none, sadly, is enlivened by the narrative energy or the argumentative zest that the name on the cover would lead one to hope for.

Ted Morgan's Maugham was a triumph; his Churchill was a disaster; how does he fare with F. D. Roosevelt? Not badly, but not brilliantly either.
This is a very full and fat biography, though it is far from being 'the definitive interpretation of the President', as claimed by the blurb. Perhaps it is "highly readable", if that term describes a breathless, repetitious American journalism full of expressions like "ego integrity" and "no-win situation". The book does draw on an impressive amount of original material. But it contains errors of detail - Balfour was not a peer until 1922, MacArthur did not wear his medals when suppressing the Bonus Marchers. And sometimes the overall perspective is distorted. For example, Morgan's account of Second World War strategy is heavily biased against the British. Had it not been for Churchill's tergiversations, he suggests, Roosevelt could have launched a victorious Second Front within nine months of entering the war. Yet he fails to mention General Marshall's embarrassed acknowledgement that he could contribute only two and

The master of the common touch

Piers Brendon
FDR
By Ted Morgan
Grafton, £20
a half American divisions to a continental invasion in 1942, and his subsequent admission that such an attack might have been "suicidal".
Morgan's portrait of Roosevelt himself is more balanced, but still not altogether convincing. The polio attack that left him crippled in 1921 is represented as the great psychological caesura in his life. But then he was essentially a playboy. The Roosevelts were so grand that they would not dine with the Vanderbilts, and only by choosing his cousin Eleanor could FDR avoid marrying beneath him. After Groton and Harvard, he rose almost effortlessly in politics, becoming Assistant Secretary of the Navy in Woodrow Wilson's government. Devious and disloyal to his chief,

he used the position to make friends and influence people. But he had few solid achievements and no progressive ideas to his credit, whatever he afterwards liked to pretend. FDR's affliction made him. It taught him patience and humility, compensating for the strains of vanity and insincerity in his character. It gave him the leisure to study public questions, and taught him to identify with the dispossessed. The New Deal was a form of social therapy.
Doubtless there is something in all this. But, as Morgan himself shows, FDR remained a tricky and egotistical politician all his life. He promoted himself from the Governorship of New York to the Presidency in 1933 by wheeling and dealing like a Tammany ward boss. He ran his administration by dividing and ruling, compromising on matters of principle, employing the Justice Department and the FBI to carry out assorted dirty tricks, and keep-

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THE TIMES DIARY

Taking a rise

The Sixth Fleet is not alone in humiliating Colonel Gaddafi. So did the two Greenham Common women who were in Libya as his guests last week (Diary yesterday) for a symposium on fascism, racism et al.

Off the wall

This poster, offered for sale by Robert Maxwell's company Pergamon, should go down a plane with the hundreds of employees in Glasgow whom he keeps sack-



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giving you their best effort, chances are you're not communicating with them often enough.

Planning application advertised in the Bolton Evening News: Mr and Mrs Higham, Beggar's Acre, Bolton; change of use and conversion from vacant breeding kennels to a granary flat.

Overdrive

Although she has been moved to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Lynda Chalker remains top transport bore.

Silent sufferer

Nicholas Ridley should follow the Prime Minister's example and never again let the train take the strain. After opening the Great Yarmouth by-pass he boarded a train back to London and was stuck outside Colchester for an hour after it broke down.



Judge not . . .

Derek Hatton's reprieve yesterday from Labour's galleys is not the sole reason for the far left to praise the rule of law.

"You know what you can do best, and you know what it is best that you do." Thus, according to Britain's Economic Renaissance, did the Prime Minister greet its author in 1981 when he moved in as her personal economic adviser.

Sarah Hogg reviews Alan Walters' memoirs of his economic stint at No 10

The one man Thatcher always heeded

Thatcher's right-hand economist was monetary policy, and the three hudgets that led up to her re-election. Here his account is much more telling. First, it sheds light on the route by which the government climbed down from the interest and exchange-rate heights to which its monetary policy had led it in 1980.

Times that "present policies will deepen the depression, erode the industrial base of our economy and threaten its social and political stability".

However much the signatories now argue that the government did engage in covert restraint - by, for example, easing hire purchase controls - there can be little doubt that the events of 1981 worked to the advantage of the Walters' side of the argument.

Ronald Butt Why Sir Keith should go now

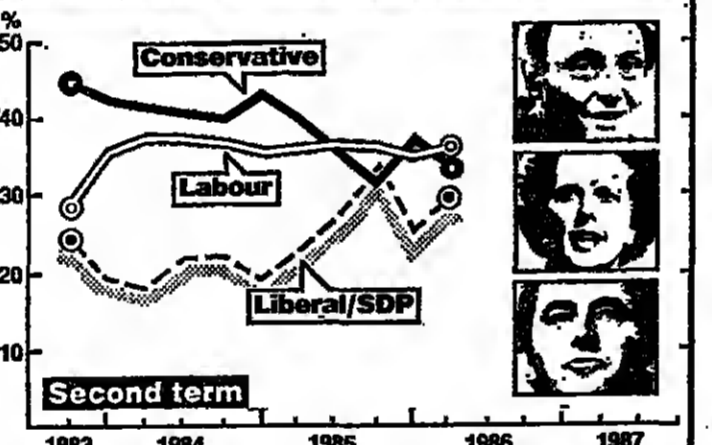
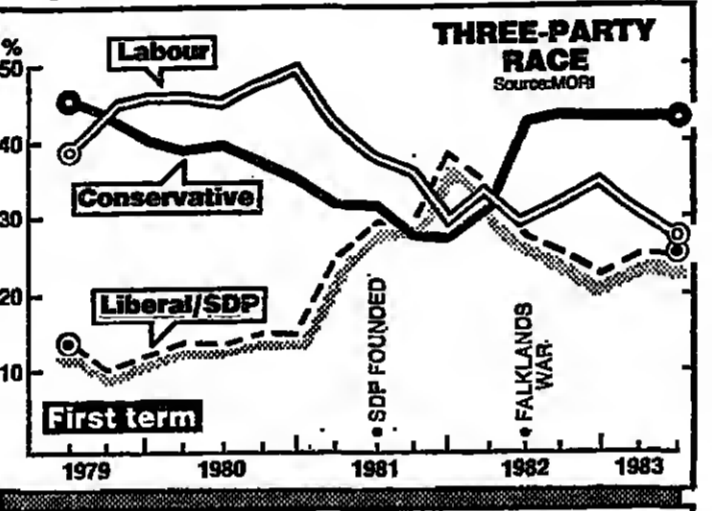
The Easter conferences of the teachers' unions are unlikely to produce much of comfort for our schools. Despite the current Acas negotiations on pay, some schools still suffer from disruption, and although the talks promise a general truce until the end of the summer term, there could be more trouble in the autumn.

Nor are the unions likely to think constructively about the deplorable state of education for so many children, or to address themselves open-mindedly to educational reform. They will simply blaze away on the theme that the schools are run down through government cuts.

David Butler examines the portents for the next general election

Waiting for a saving factor

This parliament is 33 months old. We are just as far from a previous general election as we were four years ago, when the Falklands invasion transformed the political scene and launched Margaret Thatcher towards her 1983 triumph.



cuts next year there are indications that an increasing number of voters put the maintenance of government services above the reduction of taxes.

The Conservatives remain buoyant despite the current trough, which has come late in their term; until last summer they were almost always ahead in the polls.

Yet the Alliance, too, have plenty to reassure them. Since last summer they have often been second and occasionally first in the polls.

After a bad spell, local by-election results are beginning to look encouraging. Moreover the party has survived its reelection hazards without serious damage; it has consolidated its financial base through the unexpectedly successful political fund ballots; and Neil Kinnock is secure enough with MPs and unions.

moreover . . . Miles Kington Klezmermania part two

Recently I mentioned my first encounter with an attractive Jewish folk music called klezmer, about which I knew nothing save that it was attractive.

Pride of place must go to the recently formed Jewish Music Distribution, operating from PO Box 232, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2NN, whose Geraldine Auerbach sent me a cassette of Giora Feidman. (How could I have got so far through life without knowing about Giora Feidman?)

A literary note is added by Barbara Cohen of NW3. I was first researcher into klezmer. The Jewish musician who features in Daniel Deronda is called Klezmer, an appropriate name considering that klezmer is derived from the Hebrew klei zemer - musical instruments.

Mary Dejevsky reports on the debate over the thrust of BBC Russian broadcasts

London calling - but why?

1917 revolution and never abandoned the hope of seeing communism overthrown in their lifetime. This generation was followed by people who had lived in Stalin's Russia and experienced the horrors of the Second World War.

For the time being, the competition for jobs at Bush House is sufficient to make editorial competence and broadcasting ability the sole criteria for appointment. But as the number permitted to leave the Soviet Union diminishes, so the choice will be restricted.

broadcasting or translating are often limited, and they cannot, unlike many other foreigners living and working in Britain, return to their home country once their contract expires.

But above all these questions hangs one central issue, which applies throughout the BBC language services: how far should they represent a view from London (some might say a British view) and how far should they provide an alternative to the target country's domestic radio stations?

Within all language services broadcasting to the Eastern bloc there is a problem of morale. In a service of fewer than 50 people there are not many senior posts open to those hoping for promotion, and it is often difficult for the people who were highly qualified in their own country - as doctors, teachers or writers - to come to terms with the fact that their only recognized qualification now is the ability to broadcast to the country they have left. Their prospects outside the world of



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KINNOCK LOSES CONTROL

The Labour Party's inability yesterday to begin expulsion proceedings against the 12 Liverpool party members...

to the National Executive's enquiry - and also to allow the eight enquiry members to take part in the larger expulsion proceedings planned for yesterday.

to walk out and the meeting would be deprived of a quorum. Seven left-wingers duly walked out and the meeting broke up in disarray...

REVERSING DOWN WHITEHALL

In a fortnight the official head of the Efficiency Unit leaves the Civil Service. In one of his last reports he showed how many of the money-saving recommendations proposed by Mrs Thatcher's watchdog, Lord Rayner, had not been put into effect...

source of reformist inspiration and the biggest single barrier to change, has other concerns. But the need for reform will not disappear. Privatization and the reduction of civil service numbers are welcome but do not address the issues.

movement is the conservative principle of safeguarding positions and prospects. As the series of articles published in The Times this week has shown, there is growing recognition, not least within the civil service itself, that the old boundaries between the political and the administrative have shifted.

LORD CHANCELLOR IN THE DOCK

It is wholly unprecedented for the Bar Council to sue the Lord Chancellor and head of the Judiciary. It is something more than unprecedented - astonishing might be a better word, or perhaps even alarming - to have a Lord Chancellor who has to be so roundly rebuked by the Lord Chief Justice as Lord Hailsham has been by Lord Lane over barristers' pay.

competence harm that will not easily be mended. Junior barristers dependent on government remuneration for working in criminal legal aid cases have cause to be disgruntled. On the other hand their claim for a rise of between 30 and 40 per cent to put them on a par with directly employed government barristers is too high (some have other income) and Lord Hailsham could reasonably resist it.

counted for the time which elapsed between my return from India and the communication of my decision... Lord Lane's response to this was to express his difficulty in understanding "why all of a sudden on December 20 all negotiations ceased. Surely they should have gone on. The fact that the Lord Chancellor goes to India and has a holiday seems to me to be irrelevant."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for action over Sizewell

From the Headmaster of Devizes School Sir, As an ex-President of the Secondary Heads Association and a present member of the Secondary Examinations Council, I feel I must take issue with my old friend, Rowland Brown, to whose alarmist views on the introduction of the new GCSE examination you give prominence (March 20).

Ill-founded fears on new exam

From Mr Norman Brown Sir, Presumptuous as it may be for a mere assistant teacher to challenge the statements of the President of the Secondary Heads Association, Mr Brown's alarmist and irresponsible letter must not go unquestioned.

We shall never be 100 per cent ready for change and it would be criminal to postpone a long-awaited reform until every i has been dotted and every t crossed. Yours faithfully, D. J. W. WILLIAMS, Headmaster, Devizes School, The Green, Devizes, Wiltshire, March 21.

Of course if we leave the market to operate, as Mr Lawson would have us do, then we should just import low-cost coal and oil, swallow our pride and buy cheap nuclear electricity from the French. Then we can avoid the embarrassment of ordering American nuclear technology as the CEBG would have us do.

The great majority of syllabuses will have been approved by the SEC before the target date of the end of April; meanwhile the published subject criteria give sufficient indication of the changes involved to enable schools to give guidance to parents and pupils making option choices.

He claims that the education service is totally unprepared. The many teachers and examination board officers who have worked for over five years to draw up statements of national criteria, to plan syllabuses, to make administrative arrangements and all their work dismissed in one emotive sweep. It is over twelve years since feasibility studies were undertaken: some "joint" examinations have been operational all that time - is this "total unpreparedness"?

As for reprocessing, to divert criticism, spent fuel could be left untreated, mouldering in dry stores, a dreadful legacy to posterity and a good deal more difficult to deal with than the pit heaps left by the coal owners 60 years ago for us to clean up.

Teachers will indeed be called upon to make radical, and highly desirable, changes in their methods of teaching and assessment but subject content is not going to be changed out of all recognition. Nor are teachers familiar with CSE or the many varieties of Joint 16+ examinations going to find the assessment of course work or even the problems of differentiation completely novel.

Details of the actual fighting are still scarce. The War Office bulletin of last night states that on the southern sector of the Adriatic front the Eight (Tunduz) Division captured the outpost of the enemy's position with 20 cannon, six machine-guns, and 800 prisoners, and that on all the other sectors a vigorous cannonade continued. At 10 o'clock last night the situation on the sectors was as follows: On the eastern sector the Bulgarian troops reached within 200 yards of the line of forts, capturing 1,000 Turkish soldiers, with six quick-firers and 21 cannon. At dawn this morning the outpost of the eastern front of the fortress, together with the forts of Avras-Baba, Hadjiljov, Kestankli, Kuru-Cesme, Yildiz, Topoylu, and Kavkas, was captured with all the batteries after a brave attack.

Ordination of women

From the Bishop of London Sir, In your leading article on March 22 you repeat the statement made by the Religious Affairs Correspondent on March 17 that I have said I would not be present at the Lambeth Conference if a woman bishop were consecrated in the Anglican Communion.

Peace in Wapping

From Father Derek Peel and others Sir, We write to you both as residents of Wapping, and as members of St Peter's Church, London Docks, to ask you to allow us, through the pages of your newspaper, to make the following plea.

Remember that the new system is based on the best of current practice - perhaps that explains some of the outcry. Yours faithfully, N. BROWN, 18 Weston Lodge, 6 Lower Bristol Road, Weston-Super-Mare, March 22.

Green belt pressures

From Mr Iain Mills, MP for Meriden (Conservative) Sir, My constituency of Meriden, which takes in the precious green corridor between Birmingham

Age concern

From Mr Peter Keeling Sir, I entirely agree with Brian Crozier (March 19) about the euphemistic use of the word "elderly" when referring to old people. I have been fighting a losing battle in local government circles in the last decade over the use of this word.

and Coventry, has seen the creation of the National Exhibition Centre - very good news - the building of Birmingham International Airport - good news - the extension of Birmingham Airport - good news for the region but noise for the neighbours.

Student benefits

From Mr Iain Catto Sir, I feel I should reply to Norman Fowler's letter on social security benefits for students (March 17). The Secretary of State gives some idea of what the changes in student entitlement will be; however, he does not explain what the consequences will be for individual students if their changes go through.

Advertisers on TV

From Mr Wilfred Greatorex Sir, Mr Michael Gair is right to be wary of the advertising man's finger in television programmes (March 21), but his claim that advertisers have never interfered with schedules and content needs qualification.

Now the residents are facing the proposal that Birmingham's bid for the Olympics should be based in our area, that Britain's biggest coastline should be sited in our area, and a number of other large projects proposed for the green belt area. These include a huge high technology site and a massive housing development in one of the prettiest villages, Dorridge.

Job for JobCentres

From Mr Angus Hanton Sir, My experience in Brixton has indicated a way the Government can reduce unemployment. We wanted a new clerical worker and approached the JobCentre. They were unhelpful and appeared to be only concerned with the job from the employee's point of view.

Meaningful terms

From Mr R. G. Stuart-Prince Sir, On March 10 I received a communication from an airline (admittedly foreign) advising me that its "high attendants" had "initiated a work action".

Their phones were often engaged, they closed early and generally were not marketing their services or those of the unemployed effectively. In the end we decided not to use them and have trouble and expense finding suitable staff.

ON THIS DAY

March 27 1913 The complexities of, and issues involved in, the two Balkan wars which began in the first, 1912-1913, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece and Montenegro deprived the Ottoman empire of most of its European territories, in doing so capturing Adrianople (now Edirne, Turkey). In the second, which began in June, 1915, the victors quarrelled over the partitioning of the subsequent settlements creating the tensions which eventually led to the Great War.

FALL OF ADRIANOPLE. THE EASTERN FRONT STORMED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT) SOFIA, MARCH 26. Adrianople has fallen. The cup of triumph of the Allies is full since this great achievement follows the surrender of Djavid Pasha to the Serbians on the banks of the Skambli.

The news of the first general assault yesterday had prepared the people of the Capital for the event, but prophecy has so often proved fruitless in the past that this time people refrained from immediate anticipation. At 10 o'clock this morning the streets were thronged and a crowd had gathered outside the War Office awaiting the latest news. The reception of the official bulletin was marked by a scene of enthusiasm. The town was deluged as if by magic.

Details of the actual fighting are still scarce. The War Office bulletin of last night states that on the southern sector of the Adriatic front the Eight (Tunduz) Division captured the outpost of the enemy's position with 20 cannon, six machine-guns, and 800 prisoners, and that on all the other sectors a vigorous cannonade continued. At 10 o'clock last night the situation on the sectors was as follows: On the eastern sector the Bulgarian troops reached within 200 yards of the line of forts, capturing 1,000 Turkish soldiers, with six quick-firers and 21 cannon. At dawn this morning the outpost of the eastern front of the fortress, together with the forts of Avras-Baba, Hadjiljov, Kestankli, Kuru-Cesme, Yildiz, Topoylu, and Kavkas, was captured with all the batteries after a brave attack.

A later message, at half-past 9 this morning, stated that the Turks had set fire to the stores, the arsenal, the small barracks between Yanki, Kashla and the hospitals, and the barracks in the north of the town. It was reported that the city was in flames at many points, and that the population were panic-stricken and fleeing along the front lines.

After the news of the fall of the fortress a group of students made a street demonstration and went to the Legation of Serbia and Greece, where they greeted the Ministers of the Allied States in great triumph.

"THE IMPREGNABLE TRIANGLE"

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT) VIENNA, MARCH 26. The fall of Adrianople has partially deflected attention from the Austro-Montenegrin dispute and Sir Edward Grey's important speech. The imminence of peace is felt to have stimulated the natural desire of Bulgaria not to leave Turkey the renown of having defended the fortress successfully against all attacks. There is, however, a disposition here to welcome the Bulgarian success as likely to facilitate the peace negotiations. Turkish prestige, it is argued, cannot suffer by the loss of the fortress after so plucky and tenacious a defence, while the fact that the place has been carried by storm from the Ottoman Government from the odium of having to abandon in diplomatic negotiation a position still held by the army.

Dutch courage

From Mr Jim Spicer, MP for Dorset West (Conservative) Sir, In his letter to you (March 20) Mr Fuel deplored the fact that he and many thousands of other British residents abroad still did not have the right to vote in the United Kingdom elections. I am happy to tell him that the Government has kept its promise to rectify this and that within the next few months all Britons who have been abroad for less than five years will be able to have their names included on next year's register of electors. The procedure to be followed to achieve this will be given maximum publicity on a world-wide basis. Yours faithfully, JIM SPICER, House of Commons, March 20.

Job for JobCentres

From Mr Angus Hanton Sir, My experience in Brixton has indicated a way the Government can reduce unemployment. We wanted a new clerical worker and approached the JobCentre. They were unhelpful and appeared to be only concerned with the job from the employee's point of view.

Their phones were often engaged, they closed early and generally were not marketing their services or those of the unemployed effectively. In the end we decided not to use them and have trouble and expense finding suitable staff.

THE ARTS

Television
British cinema as a big family

"Actors can be a terrible bore on set, although I like having dinner with them", said David Lean at the beginning of the last programme in the trilogy *British Cinema, A Personal View*, which was directed and presented by Richard Attenborough.

The programme was subtitled *A Marriage of Convenience*, and set itself the task of examining the relationship between the director and the actor in the British cinema. This it hardly did at all. Instead, it examined almost all the other vital relationships in the medium, particularly those between actors and the big screen and directors and film in all its forms.

The two previous programmes in this short series were presented by Alan Parker and Lindsay Anderson, who reappeared, along with the great and good from the rest of their profession, to talk to Attenborough about their work. This programme was the most amiable and broad-based of the trilogy; its starting-point was during the Second World War, when the young Attenborough worked as an air-gunner/cameraman with the RAF film unit at Pinewood.

The central argument which Attenborough made was that British cinema should never have departed from the home-orientated documentary-influenced style of that era, when the wartime audiences rejected the glamorous escapism of Hollywood. In pursuing this theme there were many entertaining excursions down memory lane, and many inspiring vistas into possible new territory which were pointed out by David Puttnam, Roland Joffe and Ken Loach.

There were also many personal digressions in which Attenborough defended the record of the British Film Institute, pointed out that cinema attendance had increased 37 per cent in British Film Year, and deplored the Press-influenced belief that British cinema really began with *Chariots of Fire*. It was an amiable, engaging programme in a series which was all too short.

Celia Brayfield

Concerts
Vibrant Mahler
LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

Mahler's Fourth Symphony was one of the first works through which London became acquainted with Klaus Tennstedt at the beginning of this decade. His performances are still growing in intensity: Tuesday night's reached fever-pitch. Tennstedt has always quite fearlessly, vociferously even, taken Mahler at his word, making the score simply vibrate with its minutely marked stage-directions. Accents, sforzando, sudden swells and equally sudden ebbs are what make him such a startling Mahler conductor.

Three long-drawn notes of anacrusis, and a gasp of momentary silence was the only pause for breath in the first movement. Horns played with the agility of flutes, flutes sounded as steady and resonant as brass, as each successive climax was almost imperceptibly achieved. There was little humour about the scherzo. Indeed, there was barely time to relish the squawking of the solo folk-fiddle before the horn asserted its rights, and, before we knew what was happening, theme and counter-theme were battling it out for supremacy. The slow movement began with

BEST MUSICAL 1985
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Theatre
A story written in blood

The Normal Heart
Royal Court

Larry Kramer's play is the first study of AIDS from the viewpoint of its homosexual victims - to appear in the English-speaking theatre. It conveys the terror of belonging to a community stricken by a plague that leaves the rest of society untouched; and the paranoia that develops in the face of official inertia and the anger and pain that well up even among those who escape infection. Whatever else there is to be said about it, *The Normal Heart* is an important public document written in blood.

That is also where the problems start. Sheridan Morley on Tuesday profiled Mr Kramer as a screenwriter who put his muscle into campaigning for AIDS sufferers when the New York authorities were shutting their eyes to anything that might uncover a poisonous worm in the Big Apple. Ned Weeks, the play's hero, embarks on a similar campaign. He also sets up an organization called Gay Men's Health Crisis, runs into trouble with its committee and leaves, as Mr Kramer did. The obvious next step for Ned Weeks is to write a play impugning Mayor Koch and the *New York Times* for turning a blind eye to the mounting fatalities and also keeping GMHC's delegates hanging around in the outer offices of City Hall.

The play, in other words, is also an intensely personal document in

which you can observe Mr Kramer struggling to find a form to give shape and distance to autobiography. It begins as an orthodox campaign drama, along the lines of *An Enemy of the People*, showing an energetically public-spirited hero embarking on an unpopular cause. The condition of such a story is that the hero will win; but that is not the story Mr Kramer has to tell. Aod, indeed, it becomes increasingly difficult to see Ned as a conquering hero when his approach is that of a blinkered publicist. His idea of vanquishing the disease is to hump up its number of column-inches in the *New York Times*.

In the second act Mr Kramer finds the nerve to tell his own story and remove Ned from his pedestal by exposing him as a haranguing bully and hopeless negotiator who is justly elbowed out by his own committee as the price of getting some help from the city. From that point he subsides into a private figure, and - in by far the most effective scenes in the play - we follow his last days with his dying lover (a *New York Times* reporter who was one of the early victims of his lashing tongue).

Felix, the lover, is played by Paul Jesson, who shows an amiably easygoing man, first struck down with panic and then wracked by chemotherapy, tottering into a lawyer's office to beguile his goods to Ned: his voice no more than a croak, but still courageous and articulate. This really is a



The final scene: Martin Sheen (left), impressive in sympathetic grief, with Paul Jesson delivering a magnificent piece of acting

magnificent piece of acting.

In London, the play could never hope to match its local impact in New York. But David Hayman's production could surely have done more to punch home its documentary qualities and rising death statistics than by confining it to

Geoff Rose's black and white box papered with unchanging newspaper headlines. Also, it is hard to see the supposed bully, obsessed with his physical unattractiveness and inability to form relationships, in Martin Sheen's performance of prolonged and ill-sustained paroxysm from an overworked GMHC

member - carry the rig of total authenticity; as does Frances Tomelty as a polio-stricken doctor, diagnosing a queue of impending fatalities on her wheelchair in a state of fever-mounting rage.

Irving Wardle

Cabaret

Milva
Almeida

The Berlin Cabaret is far too much of a cliché for anyone these days just to get up and perform Brecht songs; a singer has to perform a performance, if not perform herself performing a performance. Milva, I think, probably stands in this further world of irony, which allows her to put on an outrageous act and get away with it.

She comes on for the first half of her recital looking like Louise Brooks, and throws herself into sullying and sensuous attitudes for a selection of songs from *The Threepenny Opera*. Having thus taken on all the ghosts of Weimar decadence, she is able in the second half to relax a bit; but, though the outfit may be less insistently period, the perfor-

mances are still wildly over the top.

Every gesture is thoroughly rehearsed (Giorgio Strehler is acknowledged as director of the entertainment), and surely nobody could be taken in by the hands clasped in anguish, the enormous mouth yelling defiance at fate and the intonations of men, the word "porco" breathed as a curse at the sky. Milva's response to the inescapability of cliché is quite simply to present that cliché as flamboyantly as possible. But it might be easier to enjoy the effect if the repertory of vocal and dramatic-art were a little wider.

Milva's theatrical tradition is that of Italian clowning, with her inquisition and her hands her chief expressive tools; it is perhaps only the cabaret style that makes them seem a little limited. Her vocal limitations, though, are quite plain and, however effective her way of bowing over kipped vocal chords, one soon begins to tire

of it in a continuous programme - especially when the only alternative is to listen to an accompanist of peculiar ineptitude.

I am sorry to be disappointed by an artist who impressed

London débuts

Scott Kritzer, from San Francisco, is a guitarist who needs to make further progress. His programme revealed sensitive responses weakened by insecure technique and a consequent lack of adequate velocity to achieve the expressive demands of the repertory he had chosen. There is much to be said for the slow movements of his Mozart *Divertimento No 4* were sung out in a fine, subdued legato, and his Variations on the traditional Japanese *Sakura* proved his sensitivity to the guitar's acoustic palette. Walton's *Five Bagatelles*, though, and Bach's *Fourth Suite* both lost their way.

me in Berio's *La vera storia*, and who has a high reputation in Italy. She performs again at the Almeida tonight, on Friday and on Saturday.

Paul Griffiths

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Raimondo Campisi has considerable confidence and flair as a performer: indeed his decision to play his piano along with bass and drum-kit in Gershwin at the end of his programme showed his enterprise as an entertainer. But a performance ceases to be entertaining when every piece becomes a mere vehicle for showmanship. In Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata and Chopin's Bolero, Nocturne and Polonaise, which formed the lightweight first half, Campisi showed little regard for either composer's idiom.

Hilary Finch

No repugnance, no pity

Talk of the Devil
Palace, Watford

The inheritance of a Catholic upbringing in a heathen land such as Britain provides a useful measure of cultural alienation for the aspiring writer. In the right hands it can also provide a wealth of ready subject-matter; in the case of this new piece by Mary O'Malley, receiving here its world premiere, subject-matter is plenty much all we get.

The author's broad purpose is to show the gradual break-up of a Hammersmith Irish family from 1959 to 1983. With the parents living out their own form of purgatory, the two children make their own choices. The son marries the daughter of the rich Protestant for whom his mother

used to chafe, his sister, both prim and promiscuous, is forced into an abortion, remains at home and finally makes a very late bid for freedom by setting up home with a Buddhist.

She is also assailed by visitations from a small cast of unearthly beings: a ringleted cockney Devil, an iccoid Virgin Mary, St Mary Magdalene and lastly a pair of saffron-clad Buddhists. As a comic device, this is introduced far too early in the proceedings, with Ian Dury's Devil encouraging her to look up rude words in the dictionary on the eve of her confirmation, and it has throughout the unhappy effect of muddling the rhetorical connections and making Kate Lock's character a cipher.

The portrait of beleaguered bigotry offered by Annette

Crosbie's obtuse snob of a mother is uncomfortably acute, with her most effective lines seemingly drawn from life. This tends to set her out on her own in contrast with the surrounding caricatures. T.P. McKenna is an off-the-peg interperate Irish father and, remarkably for so experienced a player, makes a poor fist of acting drunk.

But it is the script itself which does not seem to know quite where it is going, and which has given the director, Bill Alexander, such a difficult task. It is hard for anyone to observe a Catholic family such as this without feeling repugnance for the religion as much as pity for its practitioners. Miss O'Malley succeeds in making us feel neither.

Martin Cropper

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the air highly charged. For once it really did seem to contain *moderato*, *allegro* and *presto* within its urgent andante, just as Mahler had wished. Arleen Auger was unwell, and Teresa Cahill and Tennstedt between them provided an over-lusty view of Mahler's gingerbread heaven, and throws herself into sullying and sensuous attitudes for a selection of songs from *The Threepenny Opera*. Having thus taken on all the ghosts of Weimar decadence, she is able in the second half to relax a bit; but, though the outfit may be less insistently period, the perfor-

Hilary Finch

ECO/Uchida
Elizabeth Hall

Mitsuko Uchida's way with the piano concertos of Mozart is undeniably alluring. She has almost impeccable control over the weight she places upon each note, while her sense of phrase and form is wonderfully intuitive. For her, every moment is there to be savoured, sometimes almost to a fault, though always it is the music she serves, not her own indulgence. Similarly her delightful improvised embellishments are never manifestations of exhibitionistic fancy.

And yet is there not something slightly worrying about the delicacy of her playing? Mozart, we know, would have expected a touch of astringency from the instruments upon which he performed and, although one could not reasonably desire Miss Uchida to lean very far in the direction of authenticity, there were occasions both in the innocent gaiety of the A major Concerto, K414, and in the broody C

minor masterpiece, K491, when a little more tang would have been welcome.

The latter work (which incidentally celebrated its 200th birthday just last Monday) was, indeed, taken rather deliberately, and at the opening, when the two staccato notes that finish the first phrase came over as slightly clumsy, I was afraid that a rare misjudgement had been made on Miss Uchida's part. But no; just as quite unexpectedly the wind detail emerged over the large body of strings, as the lonely pairs of oboes and horns had not done in K414, so the steadiness of this reading reaped abundant rewards, not least in the romantic respite of the *Larghetto*. How much closer the work seemed to Beethoven's later concertos when played like this.

Here, too, the English Chamber Orchestra were much more than sympathetic partners, as they had to be in a piece so rich in its orchestral writing. And despite the problem of numbers in K414 they played rhythmically, crisply and with astute sense of phrasing there too, as did Miss Uchida. Earlier the clarity of their reading, now of course one to a part, of Wagner's *Siegfried Idyll* was quite startling, though in the context of what followed it did seem a trifle irrelevant.

Stephen Pettitt

Allegri Quartet
Purcell Room

This concert - the third in the Park Lane Group's British String Quartet Series - was attended by 53 people. Given such pitifully small audiences, it is hard to understand how the PLG feels able - or indeed is able - to continue its commitment to programmes as substantial and unusual as this one. Let us simply be thankful that it does. It must be soul-destroying

difficult for such fine players as the Allegri Quartet to do justice to themselves and to music such as this in what amounts to an empty hall. They managed it impressively.

A strong if understandably not exceptional performance of Frank Bridge's Third String Quartet stood alone in the second half and, in retrospect, dominated the concert. Bridge must have anticipated the hostility which music like this would encounter in England's green and pleasant land in 1926. So secure in the unilluminated knowledge that the Third Quartet's disturbed lyricism, dry-eyed yet intense inner anguish, and fabulous craftsmanship would largely be wasted on his audience, he sat down and wrote a masterpiece of Schoenbergian proportions. Nothing to it.

A similarly honest response to personal unhappiness - in this case the exile of a Viennese composer in wartime Oxford - was evident in Ego Wellez's Fifth Quartet, whose chromatic idiom is strikingly close to Bridge's, even if it evolved from a quite different tradition. The concluding elegiac slow movement is both beautiful and moving.

Also included were Phyllis Tate's Movements for String Quartet - attractively written, if not too imposingly substantial - and the First String Quartet by the 20-year-old Scottish-horn composer Timothy Murray. If this two-movement work lacked a clear profile (simply too many ideas, getting in each other's way) there was no doubting its fluency. Such inventiveness is a nice problem to have, but it needs channeling.

Malcolm Hayes

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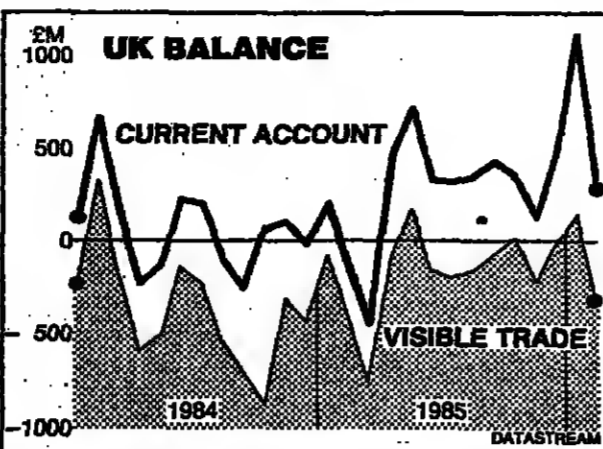
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Oil price slump pushes trade back into deficit

By David Smith, Economic Correspondent

Britain's visible trade returned to deficit last month, after an abnormal surplus in January. The overall balance of payments also deteriorated, with a current account surplus last month of £262 million, compared with £1.14 billion in January.



There is evidence that lower oil prices are starting to affect Britain's trade position. The surplus on oil trade, which reached a record of £997 million in January as oil companies rushed to run down stocks as prices fell, dropped to £685 million last month.

The trade figures had little effect on the foreign exchange, where the main factor was profit-taking on the dollar. The pound rose by 1.25 cents to \$1.4742 and gained a penny to DM3.4322 against the mark. The sterling index rose 0.6 points to 76.0.

On the stock market, traders decided that the sharp falls in response to the break-up of the Organization of Petroleum

Exports Countries meeting on Monday, were overdone. The Financial Times 30-share index rose 15.7 points to close at 1380.4, after Tuesday's record fall.

Exports dropped by £70 million to £6,255 billion last month, but imports rose by £400 million to £6,524 billion. There is evidence that imports are being boosted by a rush in purchases of capital equip-

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet Britannia logjam may soon be broken

The uncertainty overhanging the future of Britannia Arrow, the fund management and banking group, looks as if it is at last coming to an end. Yesterday, Guinness Peat disposed of the rest of its ordinary shares in the company, after the failure of its takeover attempt, which gave the combination of Robert Maxwell and Montagu Investment Management the opportunity of increasing its Britannia stake to 29 per cent. Mr Maxwell and MIM can hardly go further without making a bid of their own - unless the next move comes from Britannia itself.

This has led to a damaging hiatus when several key Britannia people left including Norman Riddell, managing director of investment. Recently the Royal bid appears to have lapsed as the Britannia board felt it was not generous enough. That has again left the door open for Mr Maxwell and Mr Stevens.

The likelihood that Mr Maxwell, who holds the larger stake, is planning a bid of his own looks remote. The real aim is to link MIM and Britannia, almost certainly through a bid by Britannia. That means securing the agreement of Aetna, the US insurance company which owns MIM - and offered the right price. Aetna may not now object. The US company is far from enamoured of its fund management subsidiary which resents being tied to such a large foreign parent. Aetna has in any case bedged its bets by buying Tyndall, another fund management company.

The chief stumbling block may be how Mr Stevens and Mr Geoffrey Rippon, chairman of Britannia, share responsibilities once the two fund management companies combine. The solution may be for Mr Stevens to take a back seat, remaining in charge of MIM, until Mr Rippon retires. Whatever the details of the arrangement turn out to be, a link between Britannia and MIM should mean the spinning off of Singer & Friedlander, the merchant banking subsidiary of Britannia, whose position would look even more anomalous in the enlarged investment management group.

Guinness Peat's bid for Britannia failed just after the New Year, partly because the offer was not overly generous and partly because the Britannia shareholders were given the assurance that Mr Stevens would take a place on the Britannia board. This has so far not happened, somewhat to the chagrin of the shareholders who hoped that Mr Stevens would add some managerial dynamism to the company. One reason for this failure appears to have been opposition from board members who feared the arrival of a powerful new member. But the board also became preoccupied with a discrete new bid from Royal Insurance which they felt bound to consider having rejected Guinness Peat.

If Britannia is not to be further damaged by the uncertainties over its future, a move to break the log-jam must come soon.

STOCK MARKET
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FT-SE 100 1653.9 (+20.1)
USM (Datastream) 117.19 (+0.38)

THE POUND
US Dollar 1.4742 (+0.0122)
W German mark 3.4328 (+0.0161)
Trade-weighted 76.0 (+0.6)

Oil payout halved

Tricontrol yesterday cut its final dividend for the year to last December 31 by 5p to a token 1p. Combined with the interim payment of 4p, the total payment was half that for 1984. At the time of the convertible rights issue in February 1985, the board said it intended to maintain the dividend, assuming there were no unforeseen circumstances.

The company said it had taken into consideration uncertainty about the level to which the oil price had sunk and the length of time it might remain there.

Pretax profit fell by 33 per cent from £39.3 million to £26.3 million on turnover down 16 per cent at £100.6 million.

BAT lower

BAT Industries' pretax profits fell by 17 per cent to £1.168 million in 1985. Earnings per share are 14 pence lower at 45.78p, but the dividend is being increased by 17 per cent to 12.1p.

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Woolworth up

Woolworth Holdings made pretax profits of £81.3 million in the year to February 1, a rise of 43 per cent. Retail profits were 72 per cent higher at £64.9 million. A total dividend of 10p against 7.75p was declared.

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Leisure win

The Court of Appeal has upheld a ruling in favour of Leisure Investments, which won a court case against Plesurama in 1984 over the conversion of a shopping site in Oxford Street, London.

Pay threat

Executives at Mazda Motor, Japan's third largest car maker, face pay cuts of about 15 per cent because of falling profits, the company said.

Glynwed buy

Glynwed International is to pay £118 million (£8.73 million) in cash for Philmac Proprietary, an Australian manufacturer of pipe fittings and valves.

Lee issue

Lee International is seeking listing on the Stock Exchange. Samuel Montagu and Co, the merchant bank, is offering 16.66 million ordinary shares for sale at 180p apiece. Wood Mackenzie and Co is the broker to the issue.

Office plan

The Crown Estate Commissioners and Chesterfield Properties have agreed to withdraw proposals for the development of a hotel at Buckingham Gate, London. The site will now be developed by Chesterfield as a 160,000 sq ft office and residential scheme.

Correction

Peter Reed (Textiles), the Lancashire bed linen manufacturer, will continue to trade through normal retail outlets and not sell direct to the public as stated in some editions on March 22.

Storm as panel orders ban on takeover advertising

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The City's Takeover Panel last night found itself at the centre of a growing storm of protest from the advertising and newspaper industries after attempting to ban the use of takeover advertising.

The Panel said it had become concerned about the use of takeover advertising which it said often attempted to "denigrate" the opposition or indulge in the selective use of statistics to create a misleading impression.

Companies involved in a takeover battle were required to ensure that their advertisements complied with the highest standards of care and accuracy. But this responsibility had fallen by the way side during the current wave of heated takeover activity in the City, the Panel said.

Advertisements connected with takeovers would be severely restricted with the effect that takeover advertisements of the type that have filled the pages of the national press over the last year will not be allowed in future.

The statement drew an immediate protest from the advertising industry some of whose members challenged the Panel's right to make the ruling.

The Institute of Practitioners and Advertisers called the statement "banal" while the Advertising Association said that the Panel should not be meddling in an area that was the responsibility of the Advertising Standards Authority.

Employers hopeful on job rises

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Employers are more confident than this time last year about job prospects, but as many manufacturers expect to cut back on their workforce as plant increases.

Aircraft sales save Horizon from loss

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Horizon Travel, Britain's third largest package holiday operator, pushed its pretax profits up by 15 per cent to £14.46 million for the year to the end of last November - but only aircraft sales and currency gains allowed it to do so.

Rank refused appeal

By Our City Staff

The Rank Organisation has been refused the right to appeal to the House of Lords in its attempt to overturn the Independent Broadcasting Authority's veto of its bid for Granada Group.

These are the main findings of a survey on job prospects by Manpower Ltd, the temporary staff specialists. Slightly more employers than in the last spring quarter plan to increase their staff and fewer expect staff cuts.

But the survey sounds a warning that the upturn is small, largely reflecting greater recruitment in the public sector and a seasonal upswing in service industry.

Manufacturers reported no improvement, for the fifth successive quarter, and as many expected to cut back on their workforce as planned increases.

"We will need to see a more significant improvement in confidence among manufacturing employers in particular, before the present modest upturn can be said to herald a trend," Manpower said.

More than one in four employers forecast a staff increase in the next three months, which is well up on the seasonally depressed first quarter when only a fifth of employers did.

Staff cuts were foreseen by fewer than 5 per cent of the 1,588 large employers

Horizon raised £13.6 million from the sale of two aircraft. It has also been re-equipping and now owns five aircraft with four others leased.

The total dividend is unchanged at 4.4p a share.

Horizon was hit last year by price competition and discounting in the wake of the miners' strike, bringing a "substantial" decline in Horizon's carryings.

Horizon has matched Thomson Holidays, the market leader, which slashed its prices by a fifth ready for the coming summer, and has gained trade volume as a result, with this winter's bookings up by a quarter so far and those for next summer at 350,000, double last year's figures at the same period. More than 70 per cent of Horizon's 1986 summer capacity of more than 500,000 has so far been sold.

But Mr Bruce Tanner, Horizon's chairman, admits that the volume gains, probably taken from smaller tour operators, are at the expense of margins.

Horizon's Oriole fleet of nine aircraft is likely to be operating this summer with the highest load factors for some time, said Mr Tanner. Rather more than 70 per cent of seat capacity is taken.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

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London:
Bank Rate 11 1/2%
3-month Interbank 11 1/2-11 3/4%
3-month eligible bills 11 1/2-11 3/4%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.41-6.40%
30-year bonds 11 1/2-11 3/4%

City bodies outline rules to curb unsolicited calls

By Teresa Poole

Strict rules to curtail the sale of investments through unsolicited calls on the general public were put forward by the planned new City regulatory authorities yesterday.

The draft regulations from the Securities and Investments Board and the Marketing of Investments Board Organising Committee would significantly restrict the practice of so-called "cold-calling" in situations where there is not also a cooling-off period during which investors could cancel the agreement.

The rules cover telephone calls, clipboard selling under the guise of market research on the streets, and doorstep selling.

Because of the wide variety of circumstances in which an unsolicited call may lead to a contract, the cancellation rules will apply to all unit trust and life assurance deals and not just those resulting from cold-calling.

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It is proposed that unsolicited calls on the general public - apart from professional and business investors - will be banned unless the investor has, in writing, authorized such calls.

This means stockbroking

companies will have to get written permission from regular clients who want to be informed of market opportunities. In particular, cold-calling will not be allowed on small shareholders of companies involved in takeover battles or on members of the public in relation to commodity futures.

In the case of life assurance, salesmen will be permitted to cold-call but there will be improved cancellation rights for customers. Similar provisions will apply to the unit trust market where unsolicited calls are not at present permitted.

Cancellation rules will be extended to cover all life assurance contracts and the cooling-off period will be increased from 10 to 14 days. Detailed information on charges and benefits, cancellation procedures and commissions payable will have to be disclosed in the cooling-off notice.

Under the Financial Services Bill, which this week completed its passage through the Commons Select Committee, investment agreements following an unsolicited call which are not permitted by the regulations will not be enforceable against the investor.

Mr Michael Howard, the Consumer Affairs Minister, said yesterday that the Government would probably try to restore to the Financial Services Bill the power of the Secretary of State to transfer all or part of his powers to any designated agency which met the necessary criteria.

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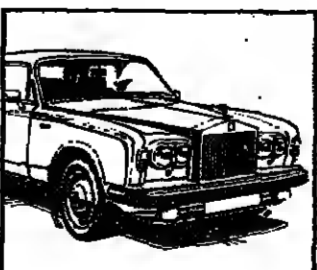
RESULTS FOR 1985

Life Branches	1985	1984
Total Premium Income	£000	£000
Total Surplus for Policyholders	133,522	125,713
General Branch		
Total Premium Income	17,719	16,321
Underwriting (Loss)	(2,602)	(3,099)
Investment Income	1,948	1,824
Profit (Loss) after Tax	(384)	(838)
Transfer from Claims Equalisation Reserve	-	235
Profit and Loss Account		
Transfer from life branches and Unit linked	6,275	5,435
Transfer (to) from general branch	(384)	(603)
Total Surplus for the year, including other net income	6,585	5,469
Net Dividend for the year for stockholders	29.8p	25.5p

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Large table of unit trust information including names, values, and performance metrics.

Vertical advertisements on the right margin including 'Standard', 'House', and 'NEW'.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Strong pound aids partial rebound in share prices

Share prices staged a strong recovery yesterday after the near-50 point drop of the past two sessions. The continued strength of sterling in spite of oil price uncertainties and the hostilities in the Middle East — plus an encouraging survey from the Confederation of British Industry — had share prices rebounding as soon as the market opened.

After pausing during mid-session, shares continued climbing to close at the best levels of the day. The FT-30 index rose by 15.7 points to 1380.4, while the FT-SE 100 climbed by 20.1 points to 1653.9.

Another constant stream of mainly favourable trading statements helped to sustain yesterday's change of mood. There was also evidence of selective new-time interest for the next account, which begins after the Easter week. The firm found helped to revive those flagging hopes of another cut in interest rates.

Government securities recovered almost all of Tuesday's losses of 1½ points and stores were among the most heavily traded sectors. Banks bounced back by 15p to 25p, with Standard Chartered up 20p to 567p.

Further reaction to Tuesday's results. Presidential gained another 20p to 912p after comments on Tuesday's figures and Britannic added 10p to 904p following its statement.

Among the many companies reporting, Lucas soared 33p to 651p in response to the more-than-doubled interim profits — well above market estimates. BAT Industries turned in the expected £1.16 billion profits, but dealers were cheered by a slight increase in the dividend and an encouraging analysts' meeting afterwards. The shares closed 15p higher at 396p.

Others to respond well to higher earnings were BICC 33p, Bristol 163p, Horizon Travel 125p, Bernard Matthews 700p, Lowe Howard 418p and Stag Furniture 118p — all between 5p and 30p higher.

Also outstanding was Trade Indemnity, no less than 95p higher at 525p on the 200 per cent scrip issue proposal. Fisons surged 34p to 575p, following a new drug presentation at a meeting of analysts.

Wellcome at 225p, up 13p, rose in sympathy also, stimulated by the anticipation of US buying interest. Turner and Newall rallied 12p to 211p after recent results and Tarmac put on 4p to 478p on news of the Thermalite acquisition plans.

Woolies plans more wonders

The most notable feature of Woolworth Holdings' 1985-6 results was the turnaround at F W Woolworth from a loss of £5.1 million to a profit of £17.6 million on a 5 per cent fall in sales. Turnover at the continuing 850 stores rose 3 per cent.

The formula, however, is still far from right with margins at only 1.7 per cent. The solution, unveiled yesterday, is to slim down merchandise further into six key areas, which make money, and unload those that do not. Adult outerwear and food are the two largest casualties and will be gone from all Woolies stores by the end of the year. They account for 15 per cent of sales, but are barely profitable.

The cost of the withdrawal in terms of stock losses, reworking the stores (which will take two to three years) and redundancies will be £3.1 million, taken in last year's figures as an extraordinary item. The benefit from freeing around 1 million square feet of space to high margin goods like children's wear and toys, confectionery and kitchenware will be felt to some extent this year, but even more so next year.

Elsewhere in the group, B&Q saw profits 20 per cent higher. Growth slowed in the second half as enforcement of the Sunday trading laws hit home, but this should be short-lived. A further 25 stores will be opened this year, taking the total above 200.

Comet's profits dropped 8 per cent to £13.7 million. Action has been taken to try to regain the marketing momentum lost to Dixons and management changes have been made. Comet is also expanding with 34 stores planned this year.

Pre-tax profits of £105 million before property profits are expected this year, giving a prospective p/e ratio of under 15. Given the potential for even stronger profit growth in 1987-8, the shares at 613p do not look expensive even after all the bid speculation.

Lucas Ind/Babcock Int
 Stock market investors have a dangerous tendency to take published accounts at face value.

Lucas Industries yesterday reported an increase in interim pre-tax profits from £15.3 million to £28 million, enough to send its shares 38p higher to 651p. Babcock International, however, managed to lift its profits from £31.6 million to only £34.5 million before tax last year, so its shares were marked down by 17p to 196p.

The market happily ignored their bottom line performance, which was very similar. Lucas charged a hefty £34.2 million below the line, made up of provisions, writedowns and losses on the Lucas Electrical businesses being closed.

Even though Babcock was in the happy position of having retained earnings, its shareholders' funds were also dented by exchange rates. Babcock was widely criticised for boosting its profits by a one-off £6 million holiday from pension fund contributions, without which the reported result would have been lower.

By contrast, the paper division is doing exceptionally well, proving that BAT management can move into a new area of operation and make a success of it. The management is also aware of the need to reward the shareholders, and the dividend was increased by 17.5 per cent despite the reduced profits giving a gross yield of 6.25 per cent at the current price of 400p.

The prospective price/earnings multiple is undemanding at between 7 and 8. Clear strategy and the cash flow to achieve it are a powerful combination and, if successful, the group should go a long way.

RECENT ISSUES	
EQUITIES	
SAG Int (100p)	138
SPP (125p)	157-1
Templeton (215p)	230-3
Sigmax (101p)	82-2
Snowdon & B (97p)	118-1
Spice (80p)	86
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Wellcome (120p)	225 +13
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Wates F/P	150 +2
Westland F/P	83 -2

(Issue price in brackets).

Pound rate robs BICC of profits

By Our City Staff
 BICC would have shown a profit increase of 20 per cent but for sterling's rise against other currencies, it reported yesterday.

As it was, pre-tax profit was up only 5 per cent to £92 million from £87 million. An increased final dividend of 7.5p against 7.04p in 1984 is recommended, making a total of 11p. Dividend will be paid on May 15.

The report also proposed that, subject to the annual meeting's approval, shareholders should continue to be entitled to elect to receive additional fully paid shares in lieu of all or part of the final dividend.

Turnover was £2.11 million, up from £2.03 million. BICC said: "The full extent of the improvement is obscured in the figures reported as the profit increase would have been about 20 per cent were it not for the appreciation of sterling against other currencies in 1985."

Of the four group companies, Cable and International improved their performance. Balfour Beatty maintained profits despite Middle Eastern problems and Technologies were somewhat down, mainly because of problems in the American electronics industry.

The company has decided to change the basis of accounting by converting profits into sterling at average rather than closing rates of exchange, so moderating the impact of exchange rate movements and reflecting more fairly the underlying performance.

Comparisons for 1984 had been restated to reflect this.

Profits dip at book group

Associated Book Publishers pre-tax profits dropped from £8.08 million to £7.76 million in 1985. But the group — which publishes the best-selling Adrian Mole series and owns Hammicks Bookshops and Methuen — said that its continued strength and prospects justified a 12 per cent increase in the dividend to 5.6p a share.

STANDARD CHARTERED PLC

1985 RESULTS

The Directors announce the results of Standard Chartered Group for 1985, as follows:

	1985	1984
	£ million	£ million
Trading profit		
Company and subsidiaries	205.4	157.5
Share of associated companies	62.5	82.1
Profit before taxation	267.9	239.6
Taxation:		
United Kingdom	41.4	33.5
Overseas	60.9	65.3
Share of associated companies	23.3	32.0
	125.6	130.8
Minority interests	142.3	108.8
	9.6	8.7
Profit before extraordinary items	132.7	100.1
Extraordinary items	15.7	(26.7)
Profit attributable to members of the Company	148.4	73.4
Dividends: Interim	16.3	14.8
Final	31.1	29.5
Profit retained	101.0	29.1
Earnings per share	85.3p	64.4p

DIVIDEND: The Directors will recommend at the Annual General Meeting on 8th May, 1986, a final dividend of 20.0 pence per share, making a total distribution for 1985 of 30.5 pence per share. The final dividend will be paid on 16th May, 1986, to shareholders on the Register on 11th April, 1986.

Standard Chartered

Profit £1168m: Dividend up by 17½%

A B.A.T INDUSTRIES REPORT
 Extracts from the preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 1985

Group Results	Year to December	
	1985	1984
Pre-tax profit	£1168m	£1405m
Attributable to B.A.T Industries	£674m	£784m
Dividend per share	12.10p	10.30p

£1 = \$1.446 at 31.12.85 (\$1.159 at 31.12.84).

Group pre-tax profits in 1985 totalled £1168 million. This 17 per cent decline — as reported in sterling — owed much to the weakness of the US dollar, which sharply reduced profits when translated into sterling at year-end rates. Operating profits were 12 per cent lower at £1288 million, and attributable earnings were 14 per cent down at \$674 million.

The year in fact saw growth and good performance in most of the Group's businesses. Tobacco and paper had a particularly strong year, as did life and pensions business and UK retailing. There were however unsatisfactory performances in some parts of US retailing and unexpectedly high claims experience in UK general insurance.

Nevertheless total operating profit in local currency terms showed a further one per cent improvement and would have reached £1485 million had exchange rates remained constant during the year. After a higher net interest charge, pre-tax profits would have shown a decrease of 3 per cent to £1361 million. The Group remains one of the UK's leading and most profitable businesses.

All comparisons are affected by further changes in Group structure. Allied Dunbar was acquired. Soporcel became an associate, and Mardon Packaging was sold. It is a striking testimony to the Group's financial strength and strong cash flow that the gross debt/equity ratio came down to 50 per cent, having risen to 64 per cent in early 1985 following the purchase of Allied Dunbar.

Taking the increase in Group results reported over the two years, 1984 and 1985, pre-tax profits are up by 19 per cent and earnings per share by 22 per cent.

Tobacco experienced a buoyant year. Group cigarette volume rose by 4 per cent, with improved market share in Brazil and the US. In local currencies Group trading profit from tobacco increased by 8 per cent.

Paper also had a strong year with higher sales of carbonless copying paper from both Wiggins Teape and Appleton. With help from lower pulp prices profits grew by 19 per cent in local currencies.

Retailing had a mixed year, with another sparkling performance from Argos and good results in

difficult circumstances from Marshall Field's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Ivey's. But most of our other US stores performed inadequately, and it has been decided to concentrate our efforts on stores which offer growth potential and to dispose of the others, which in aggregate made a substantial loss.

Financial services now includes Allied Dunbar as well as Eagle Star, and both achieved substantial growth in life and pensions income. Eagle Star's general business suffered from an unexpectedly high claims experience but premium rates are now at a more satisfactory level.

Associated companies had an excellent year in local currencies. Imasco achieved further growth despite competitive pressures in Canadian tobacco and US drug stores.

In the light of the year's positive features the Board will be recommending to shareholders a final dividend of 7.35p, making a total for the year of 12.10p, an increase of 17.5 per cent over the previous year, and an 85 per cent growth in excess of UK inflation over the past five years.

PROSPECTS for 1986 are for further growth at operating profit level. Factors outside our control include exchange rates and greatly reduced investment income from Brazil. But we expect an increase in attributable profits.

PATRICK SHEEHY, Chairman

NEW INTEREST RATE

House Mortgage Rate
 Midland Bank announces that, with effect from Tuesday 1st April 1986 its House Mortgage Rate reduces by 0.75% to 12.25% per annum.
APR 12.8%.

Midland Bank
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B.A.T INDUSTRIES

Full financial statements will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and carry an unqualified audit report. The results are being posted to shareholders. Copies are available from B.A.T Industries (NY) 443 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Retail plans out of control

Hearn and Leavers to set up agency

By Judith Huntley

The pressure to develop large shopping centres to accommodate the retail revolution shows no signs of abating. A plethora of proposals now exist for out-of-town, edge of town or even town centre schemes, bringing the issue of planning controls into the limelight.

The decision by Mr Keneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, to allow the Carroll Group to build a £45 million, 450,000 sq ft leisure and retail development close to the M1 at Hatfield in Hertfordshire, against the advice of his own inspector, is a signpost to the future of shopping development in Britain.

Mr Baker's decision allows a scheme to go ahead near Welwyn Garden City's town centre shopping centre, itself the subject of a large redevelopment proposal. Mr Baker said: "I am not convinced from the evidence that this development would cause such serious harm to any nearby town centre as to undermine the viability and vitality of that centre as a whole."

To reinforce that view Mr Baker has put a ban on a large food superstore in the Carroll Group's Park Plaza scheme. And the largest retail unit in the development is limited to 80,000 sq ft.



This model, above, illustrates a £20 million, 145,000 sq ft shop and office scheme which is to be developed by the Crown Estate Commissioners in London's Regent Street. The existing listed facade of 172-182 Regent Street will be retained with 64,500 sq ft of shops built behind it with offices above. There will be a shopping mall on the ground floor linked to a food court on the first floor. There will be eight kiosks offering a variety of food to 500 diners. These will be let on short-term leases based on turnover rents. Provision will be for future links to Hamleys, the toy shop. The letting agent is Drivers Jonas.

Overall, there will be 200,000 sq ft of retailing, 100,000 sq ft of offices, a 150,000 sq ft leisure complex, an hotel and a garden centre. The financial details of the development are a mystery. Mr Baker's decision to allow this scheme to go ahead must be taken against his refusal to allow the Penman Group to develop Centre 21, an out-of-town shopping centre near Leicester.

have been behind the refusal. But Centre 21 has had a long and painful planning history compared with the 18 months of waiting at Hatfield.

The restrictions imposed on the Carroll Group's development may lessen the impact on the Howard Centre proposal being promoted by Slough Estates and the British Rail Property Board. They have had little time to assess the impact of the Secretary of State's decision on their plans.

There may be a modification of the existing £20 million scheme which includes 150,000 sq ft of retailing anchored by two large stores. Its commercial viability in the light of a rival, some would argue complementary, scheme just up the road, will have to be reconsidered.

Mr Roger Carey, the development director of Slough Estates said: "We had expected the decision to go the other way but we are certain we can create a viable scheme at the station site. The scheme may change but we are still there and we have every intention doing something worth while for the town. But we cannot go along with the view that it is complementary to the Carroll Group scheme. It would be quite extraordinary to say that."

The battle to build an out-of-town shopping centre near Bristol has yet to be resolved. The Prudential, through its

Prudential Portfolio Managers subsidiary, unveiled its plans jointly with Marks and Spencer, for its 28-acre site at Cribbs Causeway.

These include 500,000 sq ft of retailing, a 10-screen cinema and various leisure activities and restaurants. The scheme has yet to obtain planning permission. But both the Prudential, which has £100 million invested in property in its new scheme's catchment area, and M & S say they are committed to town centre shopping.

The situation at Cribbs Causeway is complicated by the fact that a local developer, Mr Jack Bayliss, owns a 60-acre site which adjoins the Prudential's. Mr Bayliss has plans for a large out-of-town development which rivals that proposed by the insurance company.

It is not yet clear whether the Secretary of State will call in the two schemes or whether some informal advice will be offered to the local authorities concerned.

And that raises interesting questions about the future of Broadmead, the town centre shopping development in the middle of Bristol. The Ladbroke Group has plans to upgrade Broadmead and restore its competitiveness as a prime retail location.

But it may have second thoughts if either or both the Cribbs Causeway proposals receive planning consent.

THE SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the 103rd Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society will be held in the Central Hotel, Gordon Street, Glasgow on Wednesday 23rd April, 1986 at 12.15pm, to approve the Accounts Balance Sheet and Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to re-elect Directors and to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

Prints of the Society's Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet and Directors' Report can be obtained by Members at the Head Office of the Society or at any of its Branch Offices.

A Member of the Society entitled to attend and vote instead of him. Proxies must be lodged at the Head Office of the Society not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.

The attention of Members wishing to attend is drawn to Regulations 5, 23 and 24 of The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society Act 1952.

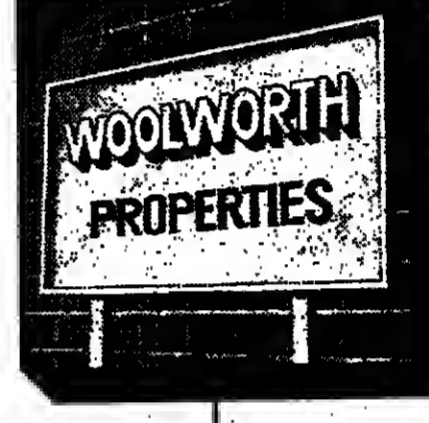
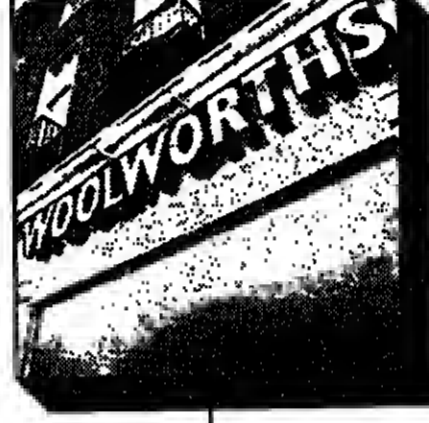
By Order of the Board,
C. G. Kirkwood Secretary

G L Hearn & Partners is taking over Leavers and setting up a new firm, Hearn Leavers, to concentrate on commercial estate agency work. The commercial agency part of G L Hearn & Partners will be injected into the new firm. The existing practice will remain separate and will deal with professional work.

Hearn Leavers is to be wholly owned by the partners of G L Hearn. But Leavers' partners, while being part of the new firm, will not have any equity. Neither side will give the price paid to set up Hearn Leavers, but it is related to Leavers' profits.

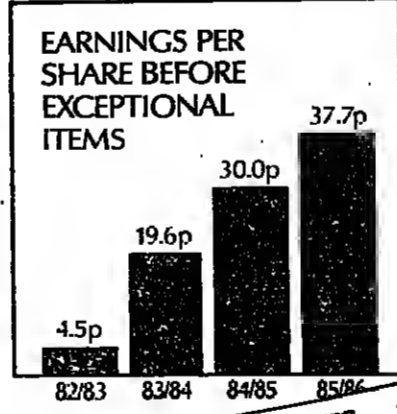
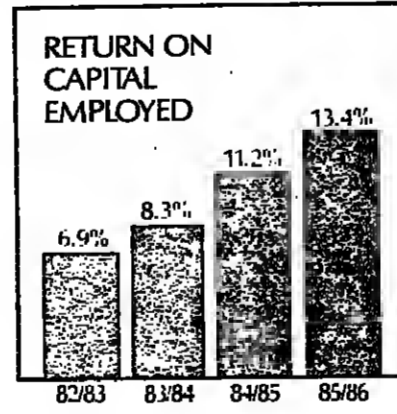
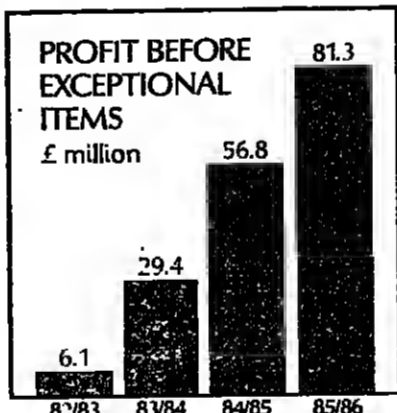
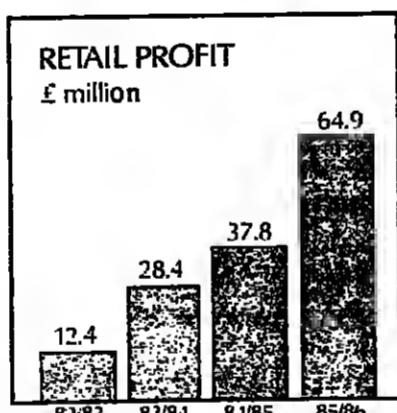
Mr Eric Davies, a partner of G L Hearn said: "We were approached by Leavers as there was common ground between the two. Leavers wanted more professional back-up and G L Hearn needed to expand from its root bound Mount Street operation."

"You need to be of a certain size in agency to cope with the level of demand. And we wanted to distance our professional work, for which we have an established reputation, from the more hectic marketplace of Hearn Leavers. We have no intention of going public."



WOOLWORTH HOLDINGS PLC

Rise in retail profit signals strong Group performance



	1986 (52 weeks)	1985 (53 weeks)
Turnover	1757.0	1661.1
Retail Profit: B&Q	34.2	14.9
Comet	13.7	(5.1)
Woolworth	17.6	(0.6)
Other	(0.9)	37.8
Retail Profit	64.9	48.5
Property income	45.1	(29.5)
Net interest payable	(28.7)	56.8
Profit before exceptional items	81.3	49.0
Exceptional items	81.3	105.8
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(16.2)	(22.1)
Taxation	65.1	83.7
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	(29.1)	2.1
Extraordinary items	36.0	85.8
Profit for the financial year	37.7p	53.7p
Earnings per share	37.7p	30.0p
Earnings before exceptional items per share	10.0p	7.75p
Dividend per share		

- * Retail profits up 72%
- * Group profits before exceptional items and tax up 43%
- * Major turnaround at F.W. Woolworth - to be followed by further focussing on established strengths
- * B&Q profit up 20%. Expansion progressing to plan
- * Comet strategic review completed - investment in new stores proceeding
- * Property portfolio appreciating satisfactorily - substantial development programme moving ahead

WOOLWORTH HOLDINGS

The Annual Report will be posted to shareholders at the beginning of May. Non-shareholders who would like a copy should write to Nigel Whitaker, Woolworth Holdings plc, North West House, 119 Marlborough Road, London NW1 5PX.

Freehold office sale yields 4%

Smith Metzack and Jones Esq Woolton have sold a 12,500 sq ft office building in the City of London at 35-39 Moorgate for a yield of 4 per cent. The freehold offices with ground floor banking hall have been sold by a family trust to the Bristol and West Building Society for £11.5 million, equating to £40 a sq ft. Ernest Owen and Williams acted for the building society.

Evans of Leeds, the Yorkshire property group which raised a £12 million debenture issue last year has spent £5.5 million on new property investments which should help to re-rail the company. The group is trying to switch its portfolio away from the industrial sector which accounted for about half its properties to retail and offices.

The office properties include the 40,000 sq ft United House in York let at rents approaching £5 a sq ft; Provincial House, Leeds, bought from the British Airways Pension Fund and Waterloo House, a 15,000 sq ft building in Leeds.

Developments Commercial and Industrial, the Scottish property company, is to develop 180,000 sq ft of offices in Glasgow. The new scheme, to be called Northgate, will be built to a high specification, incorporating the latest electronic gadgetry. It follows on the letting of the company's 80,000 sq ft Westgate to British Telecom at a rent of £8 a sq ft discounted to £7.50 a sq ft for the single occupier.

Chesterfield Properties has let 34,000 sq ft of offices in its 130,000 sq ft New City Court development close to London Bridge on the south side of the Thames to Lloyds Bank at over £18.25 a sq ft. The joint developers Chesterfield and Lovell Developments, say half the 95,000 sq ft St Thomas House is also under offer. The letting agents are Herring San & Daw and Edward Erdman.

Standard Commercial Property Securities, the property development subsidiary of B&Q, has sold its 100,000 sq ft high technology scheme, Great Eastern Enterprise in London's Docklands, for just over £5 million.

The 200-year leasehold investment has been sold to a private investor taking advantage of the 100 per cent capital allowances available in the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone. Standard Properties is building a similar scheme in West India Dock and it will also develop a 60,000 sq ft office project also in Docklands. Grant & Partners acted for the developer.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	12 1/2%
Adam & Company	11 1/4%
BCCI	11 1/4%
Commercial Savings	12 1/2%
Continental Credit	12 1/2%
Continental Trust	11 1/2%
Co-operative Bank	13 1/4%
C. Hoare & Co	11 1/2%
Lloyds Bank	11 1/2%
Nat Westminster	11 1/2%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11 1/2%
TSB	11 1/2%
Citibank NA	11 1/2%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

£81m Standard Chartered deal

The Standard Chartered banking group is to increase its stake in the Mocatta Group to 80 per cent for \$118 million (£81 million) in cash. The principal companies involved are Mocatta and Goldsmid and Mocatta Commercial in London, Mocatta Metals in New York and Mocatta Hong Kong.

The combined results of the Mocatta companies for the year to last November 30 showed a profit after tax of \$33.6 million and an extraordinary provision of \$6.6 million relating to the tin crisis, giving a net profit of \$27 million.

In 1985, an 80 per cent shareholding would have provided Standard Chartered with an additional \$12.5 million of profits after tax. At November 30, the additional tangible assets being acquired were \$108 million.

YOUNG HOLDINGS: Half-year to Jan 31, 1986, compared with eight months last year. Interim dividend 1.2p (1.05p), payable on May 23. Turnover £6.23 million (£4.64 million). Pretax profit £289,579 (£313,036). Earnings per share 5.86p (6.62p).

GIBBS AND DANDY: Dividend for 1985 1.8p (1.575p). Turnover £18.28 million (£17.1 million). Pretax profit £601,000 (£408,000). Earnings per share 5.3p (3p) and after adjustment for overprovision for corporation tax in earlier years 3.7p (3.5p).

FORWARD TECHNOLOGY: Dividend for 1984, 0.5p, payable on May 30. Last dividend was for 1981. Turnover

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£24.76 million (£22.01 million). Pretax profit £1.01 million (£722,000). Earnings per share 2.5p (1.5p) before extraordinary items.

BRIDON: Total dividend for 1985 5p (4p). Turnover £208.7 million (£187.7 million); share of related companies' turnover £125.8 million (£124.9 million).

Trade Indemnity, the London-based credit insurance company, is paying a final dividend of 5p for 1985, making a total of 9.75p - an increase of 15.54 per cent. It also plans a two-for-one scrip issue, involving written last year's total of 65.5 million, against 257.67 million. The profit on the 1983 underwriting account jumped to £5.07 million, compared with 1982's £1.16 million. Franked investment income rose to £799,802 (£674,994).

STAG FURNITURE: Total dividend for 1985 5.5p (2.75p). Turnover £30.37 million (£24.77 million). Pretax profit £1.35 million (£607,000). Although conditions in the first quarter of the current year have not been easy, the group has made a good start to 1986.

AURORA: Results for 1985. Final dividend of 0.65p per ordinary share, bringing the total for the former preferred ordinary shareholders to 1.4p a share. Shareholders who have held ordinary shares throughout the year will receive a total of 0.95p. Sales £107.58 million (£104.76 million). Pretax profit £9.08 million (£6.58 million).

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EBC GROUP: Results for 1985. Total dividend 7.15p (5.6p) and one-for-four scrip issue. Turnover £56.17 million (£44.29 million). Pretax profit £1.12 million (£382,000). Earnings per share 18.8p (6.7p).

KEEP TRUST: Dividend 4.5p (3.75p) for 1985. Turnover - motor, £58.99 million (£52.41 million), engineering - £6.99 million (£4.8 million). Pretax profit £2.18 million (£1.71 million). Earnings per share 21.5p (16p).

WOLSTENHOLME RINK: Total dividend for 1985 7.75p (same). Turnover £23.64 million (£21.51 million). Pretax profit £1.3 million (£1.68 million). Basic earnings per share 9.5p (25.0p).

METAL BOX: The company and Carnaud SA have restructured their shareholdings in Europe. Metal Box is to transfer to Carnaud its 19.3 per cent interest in Carnaud Emballage and its 12 per cent stake in Evargos Carnaud in exchange for Carnaud's 40 per cent interest in Metal Box Europe. As part of the transfer, Carnaud will pay Metal Box F Fr 45 million (£4.3 million).

SRYANT HOLDINGS: Half-year to Nov. 30, 1985. Interim dividend 1.2p (1.1p). Turnover £7.1 million (£6.5 million). Pretax profit £6.12 million (£5.61 million). Earnings per share 4.7p (3.8p).

CHART FOULKS LYNCH: Dividend for 1985 2.675p. Turnover £2.28 million. Pretax profit £23,991. Earnings per share 5.87p.

More than doubled profits, a higher dividend and a scrip issue are reported for 1985 by Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer and meat processor, based at Norwich. Pretax profits climbed from £5.08 million to £12.89 million - the best ever - on turnover up from £97.58 million to £119.84 million. The final dividend is going up from 4p to 7.25p, lifting the total from 6.5p to 11p. A three-for-one scrip issue is proposed.

JAYPLANT: Half-year to Nov. 30, 1985. No interim dividend. Turnover £468,000 (£755,000). Profit before tax £26,000 (£66,000). Earnings per share 0.508p (1.13p).

ESTATES AND GENERAL INVESTMENTS: Total dividend for 1985 2.5p (2.3p). Turnover £5.71 million (£3.97 million). Pretax profit £1.4 million (£1.26 million). Earnings per share 6.6p (4.3p).

PRESSAC HOLDINGS: Interim dividend 0.7p (same), payable on May 21 for the six months to Jan. 31, 1986. Turnover £10.64 million (£8.89 million). Pretax profit £620,000 (£411,000). Earnings per share 4.25p (£52p).

CLIFFORD'S DAIRIES: Total dividend for 1985 7.2p (6.4p). Turnover £84.58 million (£72.49 million). Pretax profit £3.85 million (£3.25 million). Earnings per share 18.05p (13.29p).

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ARNCLIFFE HOLDINGS: Dividend 0.1p (same) for the year to Oct. 31, 1985. Turnover £5.39 million (£3.54 million). Pretax loss £275,583 (loss £387,022). Loss per share 5.6p (7.87p).

A B ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS: Interim dividend 2p (same) for the half-year to Dec. 31, 1985. Sales £70.23 million (£59.91 million). Pretax profit £3.03 million (£3.41 million). Earnings per share, basic 9.5p (11.7p) and fully diluted, 9.5p (11.3p).

SOUTHAMPTON ISLE OF WIGHT AND SOUTH OF ENGLAND ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET: Total dividend for 1985 16p (14p). Turnover £5.48 million (£3.82 million). Pretax profit £1.28 million (£1.89 million). Earnings per share 29.57p (38.52p).

GOAL PETROLEUM: Dividend for 1985 1.1p (1.0p). Turnover £5.48 million (£3.82 million). Pretax profit £1.06 million (£4.58 million). Earnings per share 2.45p (£4.1p).

MANSON FINANCE: Interim dividend 0.75p (0.62p), payable on May 19. Pretax profit for the half-year to Dec. 31, 1985, £676,000 (£644,000). Earnings per share 1.4p (1.2p).

LINHEAD: Total dividend for 1985 2.5p (1.5p). Turnover £15.13 million (£13.59 million). Pretax profit £722,000 (£71,000). Basic earnings per share (adjusted) 12.53p (0.65p).

BRIDGE OIL: In the half-year to Dec. 31, 1985, pretax profits jumped by 22.5 per cent to £42.59 million (£20.54 million). Net profits were up by 173 per cent at £16.69 million.

AMERICAN TRUST: Total dividend for the year to Jan. 31, 1986, 3.1p (2.9p). Pretax profit £6.97 million (£7.36 million). Earnings per share 3.90p (3.98p).

TACE: Mr J H Mackenzie, the chairman, told the annual meeting that group performance supports the board's expectation of a material increase in profits.

WILLIS GROUP: Total dividend for 1985 cut from 8p to 6p, but should be substantially achieved in 1986, the board intends to restore the dividend. Turnover £134.39 million (£136.2 million). Pretax profit £532,000 (£386,000).

TIDG TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Clear pattern of growth now established

Increasing economic activity, a turnaround by some of the poor performers of 1984 and the work of earlier years reorganising companies and modernising assets - all these contributed to the uplift in profits in 1985. Pre-tax profits increased by 23% to £29.6 million. Transport Development Group now has 110 commercially independent subsidiaries operating not only throughout the United Kingdom but in Europe, North America and Australia.



Road haulage

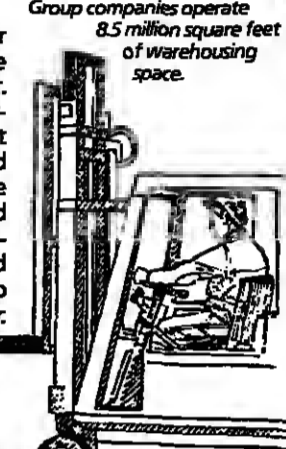
In the United Kingdom there was a noticeable upsurge in demand for road haulage services in the second six months of 1985. Traffic volumes and margins improved. The rise in profitability was then significant. European profits were maintained but disappointing results from the trucking companies on the US west coast were partly off-set by strong increases in Australia.

Storage

Inland warehouses in the United Kingdom produced increased profits. A major warehouse complex at Slough came into full operation during the year, and is now handling 2,000 tonnes of confectionery every day. Bonded stores have been extended, and additional stores opened. There was a strong and sustained demand for cold storage which produced increased profits.

Distribution

Important new contracts for storage and distribution were secured during the year. There are now many opportunities for growth in what is a rapidly changing and expanding market. A large temperature controlled central depot is under construction from which chilled products will be delivered to stores of a major UK retailer.



Other activities

Whilst transport, storage and distribution are the major activities, other companies provide related services - container services to and from Europe, export packing and forwarding, machinery installation and factory removals, plant hire, the servicing of exhibitions worldwide and the manufacture of steel reinforcement, wire and mesh. This spread and diversity contributes to the strength and stability of the Group as a whole.

Outlook for the future

A clear pattern of growth is now established. Growth is expected to continue and results for the first few weeks in the current year are encouraging. Profits are ahead of those for last year, and most trading companies are optimistic about the outcome for the year as a whole.

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Improving trend continues

	1985 £m	1984 £m
Turnover	2,109	2,031
Profit before interest	111	102
Net interest payable	19	15
Profit before taxation	92	87
Taxation	36	39
Profit after taxation	56	48
Minority interests and preference dividends	17	12
Attributable profit before extraordinary items	39	36
Extraordinary items	(11)	(12)
Attributable profit	28	24
Earnings per share before extraordinary items	20.3p	18.5p
Dividends per share	11.0p	10.54p

1984 restated using average rates of exchange to translate performance of overseas companies.

The Chairman, Sir William Barlow, says:

The full extent of the improvement is obscured in the reported figures as the profit increase would have been about 20%, were it not for the appreciation of sterling against several currencies, in 1985.

I particularly draw attention to the continued improvement in attributable profit available to shareholders, which grew for the second successive year. This improvement was achieved after charging extraordinary items of £11 million after tax (£12 million in 1984) for closures.

We have tightened the control of cash and disposed of some assets which were not providing a return, thus reducing year-end cash usage. A final dividend of 7.5p per share is being recommended making 11p total for the year (last year 10.54p).

During the year, priority has been given to improving the performance and productivity of the existing businesses. We have pursued programmes to house our manufacturing operations either in new facilities or, where appropriate, in fully modernised older plants to provide working environments conducive to the achievement of the highest standards of quality and performance.

We believe in the fundamental value to shareholders of our well-established core businesses, such as cables, other aspects of electrical engineering and electronics, and construction and civil engineering. These are the corner-stones of the BICC Group and given modern management and techniques will remain the principal source of future profits.

We have real confidence that these well-established businesses can prosper internationally and thrive with the right level of investment in modern technology, design, management and training. In contrast to some of the more volatile new technologies, our re-vitalised core businesses have the strong qualities of stability and reliability.

In preparing the ground for the future we have dealt rigorously with loss-making units and those which made inadequate profits. As a result, we have now turned round several businesses and disposed of others.

Confidence is increasing at all levels in the strength and ability of the Group to take on world competition with success.

Our new, younger top management team is committed to success. They seek new levels of achievement which will increase benefits to shareholders and employees.

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The system is based on wavelength division multiplexing. This process employs different wavelengths or colours of light to carry different information for simultaneous transmission along one fibre no thicker than a human hair.

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The colours are combined at the transmitting end of the fibre and separated at the receiving end without significant interference occurring between them.

Although 40 separate light sources (LEDs) are required for the process, these need only be drawn from five differing variants in the infra-red part of the spectrum.

Each can be further subdivided into eight separate colours by a novel process known as spectrum splicing, which was developed by Plessey Research at Caswell in Northamptonshire.

The impact of this new technology is expected to have major importance for short and long distance communication systems, for specialist uses in local area networks and parallel computer links, and also for military applications such as aircraft flight control systems.

ISDX for Oxford

Oxford University has ordered a network of ten Plessey ISDX digital communication systems. The systems, which incorporate DPNSS (Digital Private Network Signalling System) facilities, are expected to be operating in September 1986, in time for the 1986-87 academic year.

Among the departments to use the new network will be Engineering and Science, Botany, Zoology and Geodesy and Surveying. The Bodleian Library and various administrative offices will also be served. The order - valued at over £1 million - was placed through British Telecom, who market the Plessey ISDX as the Merlin DX.

Plessey MRS in action

With automatic distribution and message handling, full interface facilities, automatic system control and a foundation support system, it embodies the latest in switching technology.

MRS is designed for tactical or strategic systems, mobile or fixed. It incorporates experience gained in the development of the Piarmigan system now operational with the British Army in Germany, for which Plessey was prime contractor.

The Omani order is an important stage in the modernisation of Omani military communications, and points the way to further Plessey sales in this highly competitive market.

BETTER INFORMATION AT THE BUS STOP

The prestigious Route 65 "Traceline" bus service in Birmingham is to provide a Plessey passenger information system.

At bus stops along the "Traceline" guided route, the system will display the expected arrival time of the next bus to waiting passengers, and count down the time remaining, minute by minute.

The time is calculated by bus sensors installed at strategic points along the route which signal to the bus stop display over the telephone lines whenever a bus is detected.

With the promise of increased passengers resulting from up-to-the-minute arrival information, there are good prospects for expansion of the system to other routes.

The order for the system follows an earlier order from West Midlands County Council for Plessey to provide "Traceline" with a traffic light priority system.

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APPOINTMENTS

GEC Reliance: Mr Owen Lamont has become sales director. Nestobell: Mr David Ingman has been made chief executive. News (UK): Mr Barry Male is now finance director. Bank Tonics: Mr Colman O'Boyle has been made marketing director. Macdonald Martin Distilleries: Mr Anthony Barnett has become export sales director. International Petroleum Exchange: Mr Peter Wildblood has been made chief executive. Amadahl (UK): Mr Robert Burns has been named director of finance and administration. Ash & Lacy: Mr Henry Spaldwell is to become deputy managing director. Mr Mike Cartwright and Mr John Prosser join the board. LFW Finance: Mr Brian Edgely is now managing director and Mr Nat Le Ross has joined the board. Marborough Property Holdings: Mr S S Gillam is now on the board. Flexicon Systems: Mr Geoffrey Nithsdale has been made director and general manager. British Steel Corporation: Mr John Madden has become a director. Syndication International (1986): Mr Giles Neal is now managing director. Fiat Finance: Mr Graham Picken has joined the board.

MPs hit at government incompetence over tin

By Michael Frest, Financial Correspondent
A Commons committee accused the Government yesterday of secrecy and incompetence in its handling of the tin crisis. In a hard-hitting final report on the crisis, the Select Committee on Trade and Industry called for a debate on the Government's refusal to answer its questions. It also recommended financial support for the badly affected Cornish tin mines. The MPs said the International Tin Council, the body charged with overseeing the International Tin Agreement, appeared to be "totally out of control". But the Government failed to warn the market and ministers were not kept fully informed. The report said: "Failure to persuade the chairman of the London Metal Exchange to transmit to ring dealers the warning from HMG that it could not underwrite uncovered commitments entered into by the buffer stock manager under the sixth, and possibly the seventh, agreement testified to a degree of incompetence which speaks for itself." In a reply which the committee described as being worthy of the TV show Yes, Minister, Sir Brian Hayes, permanent secretary to the Department of Trade and Industry, said that the ITC had refused to supply information and "it was therefore decided not to abandon the effort but continue it with a somewhat lower profile in the hope that reason would triumph where more overt processes had unfortunately failed." The report continued: "We regard it as unforgivable that such a warning was intended to be passed only to one category of persons exposed to risk in dealing with the BSM, and not the other categories, namely, tin producers in the UK and banks lending to the ITC." The committee said the Cornish mines were threatened by the collapse of the ITC's price support operation, in which the Government had participated. Individual committee members favoured switching the £50 million the Government had offered to help rescue the tin market to sustain the tin mines through the present low prices.

UK steel output up 3.4%

By David Young, Energy Correspondent
World steel production last month rose marginally above the output for February 1985 with Britain showing a 3.4 per cent increase and France and Japan both reporting a downturn. European Economic Community production totalled 10.7 million tonnes with Britain producing 1.2 million tonnes. The overall figure was 0.6 per cent higher than in the same month last year. The figures, issued by the International Iron and Steel Institute, show that the United States produced 5.1 per cent more than in February last year, Japan 6.9 per cent less and France 10 per cent less. The country in the industrialized nations category with the largest increase in output was Brazil, where output rose by 11.4 per cent. Denmark's specialist steels industry produced 38.5 per cent more, however. Among the non-industrialized nations Nigeria showed the largest fall in production, down 87.5 per cent, and Argentina the largest rise, 43.8 per cent.

Law Report March 27 1986 Lord Chancellor agrees Bar fees timetable

Regina v Lord Chancellor, Ex parte Alexander
Before Lord Justice, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Taylor
[Proceedings March 26]
The proceedings by the Bar against the Lord Chancellor (The Times March 21, 22, 24) have been adjourned generally with an order for costs in favour of the Bar, on the Lord Chancellor's undertaking to the court to agree a timetable leading to his making his final decision on July 16. Lord Justice congratulated the parties on his hope that the solution to a very unpleasant matter had been achieved. Sydney Kenridge, QC, Mr Thomas Morrison, QC, Mr Nicholas Underhill and Mr George Leggart for Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Chairman of the Bar of England and Wales, as representative of the Bar Council; Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC and Mr John Laws for the Lord Chancellor. Mr Phillips: "We are grateful to your Lordships for the further adjournment. Discussions between the two sides have now been concluded. The Lord Chancellor has agreed to accept a timetable leading to a decision by July 16. As your Lordships are already the Lord Chancellor had already made it clear that he was not prepared to persist in an attempt to obtain such a commitment, but without success. Your Lordships will recall that, on March 4 in response to a request from the Bar, there was a meeting at which the Lord Chancellor was asked whether he would propose a timetable and he stated that he neither agreed nor refused to do so. All that happened thereafter was that, in a letter of March 7, the Lord Chancellor indicated that he hoped discussions on the Coopers & Lybrand report would be completed by the end of June, but with no commitment as to the timing of his eventual decision. Even that indefinite timetable was hedged about with qualifications. Even then the Bar pressed again for a timetable but this was declined. It was only after his counsel had nearly closed his case and in the light of your Lordships' comments that a firm binding timetable has now been offered. In our respectful submission it is plain that such a timetable would not have been forthcoming apart from these proceedings and the Bar can properly say to your Lordships that it had to come to your Lordships' court to get it. Apart from these proceedings the Bar would not have a commitment that the Lord Chancellor is now prepared to give. The Bar is, in our submission, entitled to say that these proceedings have achieved that which the Bar was unable to achieve through representation. I should emphasize that what the Bar has now been offered is what and all that the Bar sought to achieve from these proceedings."
"Had the Lord Chancellor not in negligence any physical contact was normally (but not always) unintended in trespass to constitute a battery it had to be deliberate. Not every intentional contact was tortious. Deliberate touching by way of self-defence or with consent, or in respect of the plaintiff by the defendant. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Ian Pringle (a minor by his father and guardian, *al Hjem Gordon* and *Gail Pringle*) against an order of Judge Wilson-Mellor, QC, who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on October 1, 1984, had ordered judgment to be entered for the plaintiff, Peter Wilson (a minor by his mother and next friend June Wilson), under Order 14, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, in an action for trespass to the person (battery), alleged to have been committed in 1980 when the defendant jumped on the plaintiff at school, as a result of which the plaintiff had sustained serious injury to his hip. Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Nicholas Davidson for the defendant; Mr Peter Weitzman, QC and Mr John Mason for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON, delivering the judgment of the court, having considered *Hester v Hester* (1617) 1 QB 135, *Zervelle v Savage* (1669) 1 Mod 3, *Cole v Turner* (1704) 6 Mod 149, *Williams v Jones* (1736) Cas 1 Hard 299, *Holmes v Mather* (1875) LR 10 QB 261, and *Smalley v Powell* (1891) 1 QB 861, said that it was neither possible nor desirable to ignore the distinction between tortious negligence (which had evolved from the action of trespass on the case) and tortious trespass properly so called. The first distinction was that



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SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS FOR 1985

The results for 1985 were as follows:-

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1985 (£m), 1984 (£m), and 1983 (£m). Rows include Premium Income (Fire, accident and motor; Marine, aviation and transport; Long term - annual premiums; Single premiums), Profit and Loss Account (Underwriting loss; Shareholders' long term profits; Investment return; Profits of Gresham Investment Trust; Surplus before taxation; Taxation; Minority interests; Surplus before extraordinary items; Extraordinary items; Transfer to capital reserves; Balance available for appropriation; Dividends; Balance added to revenue reserves), Investment Income (Investment income; Investment expenses; Profits of Greenwood Securities; Share of associated companies' profits), and Investment appreciation (Transfer to deferred investment gains; Total investment return).

Despite an underlying improvement in insurance rating levels during the year, the results for 1985 show a reduction in surplus before tax and minority interests to £164.4m (1984: £153.1m). However, the more realistic attitude towards rating now prevailing in the market should have a positive effect in future.

INVESTMENT RETURN. The total investment return was £260.3m (1984: £254.5m). This reflects a substantial growth in investment values and, after allowing for currency exchange rate fluctuations, the underlying growth rate in investment income was 9 per cent. The method used in the computation of these figures is unchanged from last year and excludes any increase in the value of the shareholders' interest in the life business, which is shown at a nominal value in the accounts.

GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS. General business premium income increased by 15 per cent to £763.7m.

The table set out below analyses the income and underwriting results for each major territory including an appropriate allowance for investment return (equivalent to that obtainable from risk-free investments) on the related insurance funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS INSURANCE RESULT

Table with 6 columns: Territory, Premium income, Underwriting result, Attributable investment return, 1985 Overall result, 1984 Overall result. Rows include United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, Australia, Belgium, South Africa, USA, and Other territories.

*Including reinsurance and worldwide marine and aviation.

In the United Kingdom there was an encouraging increase of 30 per cent in written premium income, spread over all the major classes. This written premium income, spread over all the major classes. This improvement reflects importantly the substantial increases in levels of premiums which we have been able to obtain; but it will be readily understood that the benefit of this in terms of earned premiums will not emerge fully in the accounts until next year. In addition the hardening of the market created a situation in which we were able, with a growing expectation of profitable trading in coming years, to recover part of our market share which we had sacrificed in the unsatisfactory conditions of recent years.

The property account suffered as a result of higher than normal weather claims and consequently only showed a marginal improvement on 1984 with an overall loss (after attributable investment return) of £14m (1984: £16m). The overall loss on liability business of £17m (1984: £8m profit) is arrived at after a significant strengthening of claims provisions following higher than expected increases in court awarded settlements relating to old personal injury claims during the year. Motor business was again unprofitable, with an overall loss of £27m (1984: £8m) and this account suffered from significant increases both in claims frequency and in average settlement costs. The overall loss on the accident account was £5m (1984: £7m) and included in this figure is £3m (1984: £4m) for travel business losses.

The results for London market business showed an overall loss of £4m (1984: £3m). The results for proportional treaty business were almost unchanged but there has been a significant improvement in the home foreign and excess of loss accounts. It has been necessary however to make additional provisions in respect of asbestos related and environmental claims for earlier years.

The worldwide marine aviation and transport account resulted in a transfer from profit and loss account of £1.5m (1984: £3m). Profits were produced in the United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia but results in the United States and France were again extremely disappointing. Corrective action has been taken.

Despite an increase of 14 per cent in underlying currency terms, overseas premium income fell by 13 per cent in sterling terms. The results were overshadowed by the considerable underwriting losses in the United States. Although rating levels increased substantially in this territory, large additional provisions had to be made in respect of prior year claims and these accounted for approximately half of the underwriting loss.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS. Overall premium income increased by 11 per cent to £455.5m and the shareholders' gross life profits were £25.2m (1984: £22.2m), an increase of 14 per cent. These figures were affected by the reduction in the rate of corporation tax which has the effect of reducing the grossed up value of life profits. The net transfer released from the life fund showed an increase of 21 per cent.

In the United Kingdom new single premiums of £163m were 37 per cent ahead of the corresponding figures for 1984 but total new annual premiums amounted to £19.8m (1984: £24.3m), representing a reduction of 19 per cent. The first quarter of 1984 was the last period during which life assurance premium relief was available on new annual premium policies and so the figure for the first quarter of 1985 was inevitably much reduced. Over the remainder of the year however 1985 production was substantially up on 1984. These figures exclude the new business of Eagle Pension Funds, our managed pension funds subsidiary, for which new annual contributions of £28.9m were received in respect of pooled and segregated funds and contracts of investment management.

A significant event which took place during the year was the successful launch of the Rainbow Bond and the seven "Rainbow rated" unit trusts which generated much enthusiasm from brokers. In the nine weeks up to the year end £17.7m was invested in Rainbow Bonds and £1m in unit trusts.

Overseas life business development was very good. Overall, in sterling terms, new annual premiums increased by 19 per cent and single premiums by 49 per cent. Excellent as these figures are, they are derived from the even better results in terms of the underlying currencies achieved by the major overseas subsidiaries. Australian Eagle in particular had an outstanding year with new annual premiums almost doubled and single premiums nearly tripled in local currency.

GREENWOOD SECURITIES. As announced on 4th March the industrial businesses of Greenwood Securities, excluding VG Instruments which is now a direct subsidiary of B.A.T Industries, were sold to Wolsley Hughes p.l.c.

The above is a summary of the results for the year. The full report and accounts which contain an unqualified auditors' report will be published on 21st April 1986 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies within the prescribed period.

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Intentional hostile touching is sufficient to prove battery

Wilson v Pringle
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Balcombe
[Judgment given March 26]
An intention to injure was not essential to an action in battery; it was necessary to prove only an intentional hostile touching of the plaintiff by the defendant. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Ian Pringle (a minor by his father and guardian, *al Hjem Gordon* and *Gail Pringle*) against an order of Judge Wilson-Mellor, QC, who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on October 1, 1984, had ordered judgment to be entered for the plaintiff, Peter Wilson (a minor by his mother and next friend June Wilson), under Order 14, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, in an action for trespass to the person (battery), alleged to have been committed in 1980 when the defendant jumped on the plaintiff at school, as a result of which the plaintiff had sustained serious injury to his hip. Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Nicholas Davidson for the defendant; Mr Peter Weitzman, QC and Mr John Mason for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON, delivering the judgment of the court, having considered *Hester v Hester* (1617) 1 QB 135, *Zervelle v Savage* (1669) 1 Mod 3, *Cole v Turner* (1704) 6 Mod 149, *Williams v Jones* (1736) Cas 1 Hard 299, *Holmes v Mather* (1875) LR 10 QB 261, and *Smalley v Powell* (1891) 1 QB 861, said that it was neither possible nor desirable to ignore the distinction between tortious negligence (which had evolved from the action of trespass on the case) and tortious trespass properly so called. The first distinction was that

Date tax assessment is made

Honig and Others v Sarsfield (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Stocker
[Judgment given March 24]
In applying the time limit provisions of the Tax Management Act 1970, an income tax assessment was made on the date that it was entered by a tax inspector into the assessment books of his district; it was not the date of service of the notice of assessment. The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the administrators of the estate of Mr Emmanuel Honig, deceased, from the judgment of Mr Justice Peter Gibson [The Times November 6, 1984] upholding a determination of the special commissioners that a number of additional assessments to tax had been made within the time limit laid down in section 40 of the 1970 Act. Mr Maurice Honig, administrator, in person; Mr Michael Hart for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE FOX said that Mr Emmanuel Honig died on September 5, 1966. In February 1970 the inspector was given leave by the general commissioners to make additional income tax assessments on the administrators of Mr Honig's estate from 1961 to 1967. To comply with the provisions of sections 34 and 40 of the 1970 Act those assessments had to be made on or before April 5, 1970. The inspector's books for 1970 contained the assessments and showed them as issued on March 16, 1970. However the notices of assessment were not received by any one administrator until April 7, 1970. It was argued that the assessments were thus out of time. The question was when was an assessment "made"? By section 29(5) of the Act a notice of assessment to tax "had to be served on the person assessed. That wording necessarily implied that there was a difference between a notice and an assessment; there could be no notice until there was an actual assessment. The two were quite distinct and different things. The assessments were "made" when the inspector authorized them and signed the certificates in his books on March 16 - well with the statutory time limit. In the result the judge's conclusion was correct. Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Stocker agreed. Solicitor: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

March 27, 1986

There is intense recruitment activity in the City as the financial institutions prepare for the increased competition that deregulation - the Big Bang - will create this autumn.

All sectors - banks, building societies, insurance companies, security houses - have been forced to consider whether they have the people to "survive the heat of the kitchen".

Building societies, for example, are turning to banks to provide key financial specialists; while banks themselves are looking at building societies for scarce network and telecommunications specialists. At the same time we can expect to see an end to the "cradle-to-grave" career path and the beginning of a freer flow of executive talent.

We are witnessing change on two levels. On one hand, there is a response to the acute shortage of high-calibre financial and technical specialists who are crucial in all areas if institutions are to offer the range of services which new legislation will allow.

And as institutions take a fresh approach to marketing and strategic planning, there is evidence that

a new breed of chief executive is beginning to emerge.

The need for specialist banking people - not just fund managers, lending officers and money market traders but also telecommunications and networking specialists - has grown dramatically over the last five years. This has been caused by the ever-increasing representation of major overseas banks in the City, accelerated by constantly changing structures in financial organizations and their development of new products and services.

So the shortage of such key people is being exacerbated by the build-up to deregulation. For a start, the Financial Services Bill will allow building societies to undertake new operations - unsecured lending, money transmission, treasury and retail marketing of securities, for example.

Many societies have little, if any, expertise in these areas and have been looking outside their industry for the necessary skills - mainly to the retail, investment and commercial banks.

Deregulation and competition from all directions, including overseas, has also created intense pressure within all sectors to stay ahead in technology-led develop-

The Big Bang has intensified the search for financial expertise, says John Richards



ments, such as ATM networks and electronic funds transfer point-of-sale (EFTPOS). And as the need to exercise sound profit centre management becomes stronger, all institutions are requiring insatiable telecommunications networks across the world.

Consequently, we are seeing a scramble for information systems, network and telecommunications experts. In particular, there is a shortage of people competent at planning and managing the systems, with experienced project managers in short supply.

In the dealing room, technological advances in treasury management, accounting and control

systems have led to an increasing demand for financial managers with a knowledge of the latest in banking software packages, funds transfer systems and information reporting systems.

So far the building societies, not banks, have made much of the running in retail financial automation. An impressive number of terminals and telecommunication networks and can offer interest-bearing accounts through ATMS, giving them an immense advantage over the banks in attracting savings from personal customers.

In an attempt to catch up, some

banks are turning to building societies to find key networking specialists - creating a two-way traffic of skills.

There is also a need for people who understand how to market the new financial services and again a number of the larger building societies have started recruiting consultants, such as marketing Eftpos experts in the computer industry.

Changes are also happening at the top of the institutional hierarchy. Head-on competition for commercial business - not only within but also between sectors - requires high calibre strategic-thinking senior executives, capable of implementing and managing changes in direction.

A catchphrase has been coined to describe this new breed - the "intrapreneur". He or she is the innovative, even risk-taking person with sound commercial skills who can successfully take an organization into new markets.

Evidence of this can be found in the recent wave of redundancy programmes by banks and building societies to make room for the

younger, more aggressive executives. Some institutions, particularly the smaller ones who might not wish to afford a full-time whizz kid, are retaining top corporate planning consultants on a part-time basis.

Some even predict the slow demise of the "home-grown" manager, with the banks, building societies, security houses and insurance firms contributing to, and hiring from, a common pool of senior executives.

This raises interesting questions about the future of professional divisions separating the institutions. For example, can a banking chief be brought in to head a building society without the societies' qualifications or professional status?

So what are the immediate implications for the institutions and their employees? Clearly, the specialist skills will find themselves, for the next two years at least, in a sellers' market. Their employers, on the other hand, are faced with the challenge of attracting and holding skilled staff. In some areas, salaries and bonus packages will escalate as firms compete for scarce skills.

This boom in financial recruitment has been reflected by an increased volume of classified advertising and the growth in specialist employment agencies.

A number of the specialists and high-calibre managers will already be happily employed and well paid and unlikely to be registered with recruitment agencies or responding to job advertisements.

Executive search of head-hunting - because it can break down this inertia and convince both parties that a career move would be advantageous - is often going to be the only effective recruitment tactic. Indeed, the use of search in the financial sector - and the number of head-hunters specializing in financial appointments - is already on the increase.

Finding top calibre specialists and managers takes at least three months. The movement of people in preparation for deregulation has only just started.

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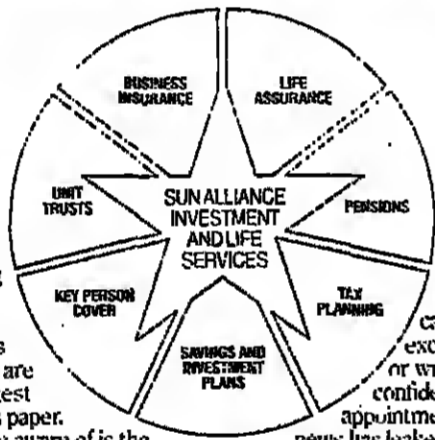
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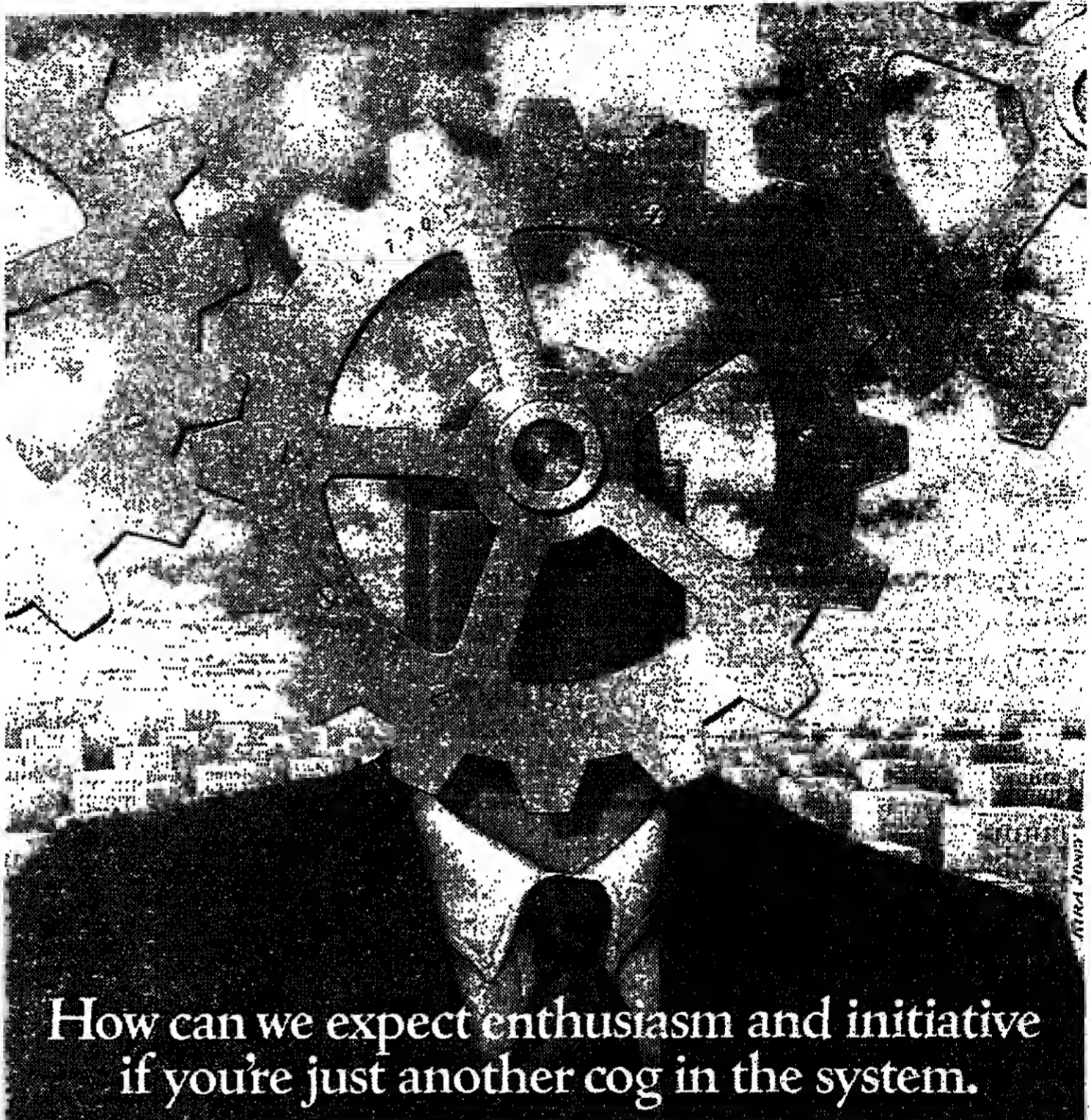
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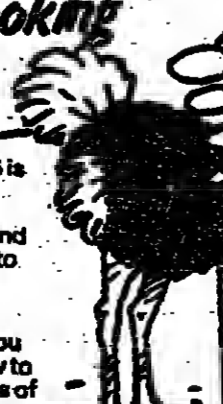
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Despite the example of such formidable entrepreneurs as Anita Roddick and Jennifer D'Abo, women in senior management jobs are still a rarity. The ones who have made it, have had more than exceptional ability to get there, more so than male colleagues at a similar level.

That is probably why there are relatively few women in the books of career counsellors, says Pauline Hyde, whose firm is one of several organizations providing individual mid-career advice and help with job-hunting techniques, mainly to redundant executives who have been earning £20,000 a year and upwards.

Sanders & Sidney, another firm in the same business, has about five per cent women clients, which is probably a fair reflection of the percentage of women in jobs at this level. Both specialize in what is called "outplacement". They work directly for employers who for one reason or another have had to part company with senior people, but who want to help them find another job elsewhere.

That is not always easy for someone who might have been demoralized by the circumstances of departure and who often has little idea of how to identify and market his or her skills. Putting those things right is the task career counsellors set themselves. They do not claim to find jobs for their clients, but metaphorically pick them up, dust them down, find out where they want to go in career terms and show them how to get there.

Sanders & Sidney is considering adding a woman counsellor to its staff. So are the career problems of women executives different from those of their male colleagues?

Genie Hart, of Minister Executive, says: "The initial reaction to losing a job can sometimes be more emotional. Women who've got to the top have not only had to work exceptionally hard, they've often had to make great personal sacrifices to get there, such as making a choice between marriage and children or a career."

"That is often tied up with a strong psychological involvement with the employing organization. For a woman, losing a job can be like a bad divorce.

My first job as a counsellor is to help them get that aspect out of their system.

But though women take this situation more personally than men, they also recover from it more quickly. Pauline Hyde says: "They show the same qualities in the job search that took them into senior positions in the first place." The view is confirmed by Derek Edwards, of Sanders & Sidney, which, as well as counselling, offers clients secretarial services, individual offices and free telephone calls to anywhere in the world, if they are relevant to the job search.

He says: "Our women clients are better at taking full advantage of these facilities. They also tend to work harder at 'contact development', which is a central concept of career counselling."

"At senior levels, 70 per cent of jobs are never advertised; they are filled

Godfrey Golzen on the outplacement trend

through personal contacts and word-of-mouth recommendations."

In the course of this process, Mr Edwards has found women more intuitively perceptive than men about the "chemistry" of an organization.

Most counselling firms offer clients the use of an office in town and at least some form of secretarial back-up. It was this that Mary White (not her real name, because people are still sensitive about the idea of having gone through career counselling) found particularly useful in the early stages of her search.

She said: "It was a shock to have to do without the structure of an office. I'd always had secretaries, people to take messages and so forth."

Another aspect she found invaluable was being asked to write her own career history, highlighting her achievements and the kind of work she had most enjoyed. "It was the first thing they asked me to do," she said, "and it focussed the direction of my search right away. I'd never thought about my life quite in those terms."

Mary found a job within two months at a better salary than she had been earning before. It must be said that as a qualified chartered accountant, highly articulate and with international banking experience, she was easy to help. The period more usually quoted as the time



Jennifer D'Abo: Exceptional ability

it takes a typical female counselling candidate to find a job - that is, someone between 35 and 45, earning around £20,000 a year - is three to four months.

Despite equal-opportunity legislation, Mary believes that interviewers are more sympathetic to men out of a job. She comments: "The idea that a man is a more deserving case, other things being equal, because there are wives and children in support, is often an unspoken thought."

Mary was offered outplacement by her firm. She was somewhat surprised when I told her how much it had probably cost the firm - about 15 per cent of the salary she had been earning. There are counselling firms that also offer their services direct to individuals. But the VAT element is not recoverable nor can the cost be set against tax, as is the case with employers, for whom career counselling is a fairly cost-beneficial way of doing the best they can for people they have had to let go.

Mary admitted that in the heat of the moment, her first reaction was to refuse her firm's offer. But she decided to give it a try, although she reserved the right in choice to the counselling organization herself, rejecting the one originally suggested.

She said: "I got advice from headhunters and acquaintances who knew the recruitment field. When you go for interviews and start ringing round for contact meetings, the status of the counselling firm is very important. Some are known to be more discriminating than others in the clients they take on."

But where do high-flying women go wrong in their careers? In Mary's case the problem was that she had simply gone on too long in the same job. It is not uncommon for women to find that, when it comes to the next step up, a man is preferred.

"Women invest all their energies in doing the job well," she says. "They think less than men do about where it fits into the overall pattern of their career and therefore how long they should stick in a particular job or with a particular company. One thing that counselling has taught me, is to define my objectives and to check that the job I'm doing stays in line with them."

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Edwards tries to lay an Aintree ghost

In the fifth of a series on the less obvious Grand National candidates, JOHN KATZER visits John Edwards and his three contenders, Broomly Bank (53-1), Fethard Friend (50-1) and Little Polveir (100-1).

By its very nature the Grand National produces a treasure trove of tales of the unexpected. Indeed, the realm of fiction would often be hard-pressed to match the consistent level of drama, pathos and shock in the event.



John Edwards with Fethard Friend, the choice of stable jockey, Paul Barton

legs, she came to Aintree without a run since her second place in the Welsh National some three months previously.

never get geed up before a race except at Aintree, he says.

booked Peter Scudamore, the leading jockey, to ride "Broomly Bank is ideal to go round Aintree," he says.

'It suddenly hit me - I was going to win the National'

was passed by four horses in the last 100 yards and beaten little more than four lengths into fifth place behind Specity.

'I'll cross my fingers and might jump up and down a bit'

Little Polveir, the smallest of the three, but a tighish character equally capable of handling the National fences in Edwards's opinion, has been steadily finding his form this season.

Trip looks perfect for Royal To Do

With just one day to go until Last Suspense attempts to repeat his Grand National success of 12 months ago, Tim Foster, his able trainer, could scarcely have his Leicestershire Basset team in better form.

Horse Trials Giovanni's response earns fine victory

By Jenny MacArthur Ferni Eilberg and the German-bred Giovanni had a happy preparatory outing yesterday for today's grand prix when they won the Advanced Test 58, the equivalent standard of the Intermediate II test.

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- 2.15 BALDERTON HANDICAP CHASE (€194; 2m 74yd) (17 runners) 1 16714 MISSIE (€194) C De France...

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SOUTHWELL SELECTIONS

- 4.15 BURGLAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (€983; 3m) (16) 1 169103 EASTER BREEZ (€983) G De France...

LUDLOW

- 2.0 WESTON SELLING HURDLE (Div 1; €775; 2m) (12 runners) 1 4090 DUB CONSLINE (€775) G De France...

LUDLOW

- 2.0 EL-HAR-LE-HAR. 2.30 Star of Ireland. 3.0 Royal Balze. 3.30 ROYAL TO DO (nap). 4.0 Blue Sparkie. 4.30 ROYAL TO DO (nap). 5.0 Asmid. 5.30 Mr McGee.

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HOCKEY

Robert Thompson scored all four goals for Ludlow to reach 4-0 victory over Oxford to reach the semi-finals of the British Universities Sports Federation tournament at Loughborough yesterday.

HOCKEY

Scotland, however, finished out of the top of this group by defeating Wales 3-0 to achieve their third victory in a row.

SPORT

Waddle wipes out England's fears

Soviet Union	0
England	1

England's fears that injuries would leave them threadbare against the powerful Soviet Union proved needless here yesterday when a second-half goal from Waddle gave them a victory to bring confidence on the approach to the World Cup. Even without the influence and strength of Robson and the attacking power of Hateley, this rearranged England side proved capable of overcoming opponents also lacking some of their more promising players but short of determination and tactical perception.

Thus England stretched their run of unbeaten matches to eight and in the unlikely surroundings of the Soviet Union, where the home side had an almost flawless record going back many years.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, was left with only one fully fit forward, Beardsley, Hateley, who spent 48 hours getting to Tbilisi, succumbed not to the fatigue

of it all but to a groin strain. This left the onus for scoring on Lineker, who was himself suffering from a similar injury. In theory Waddle was left like an archer without a target. England's opening play was promising enough to give encouragement. After several bright, quick attacks on the flank by Anderson, their speed in attack caused the Soviet defence sufficient worry for the experienced Dasayev to take a hasty lunge at Lineker, who had intercepted a slovenly back-pass. Lineker was swept to the ground but the Bulgarian referee would have none of the appeals.

Having experienced that disappointing decision, England must have felt even more aggrieved when, after 17 minutes, Anderson made what appeared to be a legitimate challenge on Gotsmanov, who was moving dangerously into the penalty area. This time the referee immediately pointed to the spot. However, England felt justice was done when Chivadze drove the penalty so

solidly against the foot of the post that the ball rebounded beyond the penalty area. The crowd of over 50,000 began to express displeasure with their side. Solid, reliable defensive work by Wilkins helped ensure that the Soviet attacks came to little in the English penalty area. Nevertheless, Lineker and Beardsey were left isolated upfield. Tactically, the familiar problems in the centre of England's defence were obvious. Wright's headstrong determination to get into the action when he should have been giving way to others was the main reason why Anderson gave away the penalty.

Lineker had few chances to show his real finishing form, mainly because Huddle was spending so much time in defensive positions that forward passes were rare. But shortly after half-time Huddle sent a glorious long through ball into the stride of Lineker, whose shot slid past the base of the post.

The arrival of the veteran but still nimble Blokhin raised

the spirits of the crowd but his first prompting in attack merely brought one of those brave saves Shilton brings off at falling feet.

If Blokhin brought some originality to the Soviet side, so England's substitute, Hodge, added an edge to England's attacks. Midway through the second half Beardsley beat his man on the right and seemed about to make a diagonal run when he spotted Waddle in the centre approaching the penalty area. His square pass was taken on the run by Waddle, who dodged his marker and drove a splendid low drive inside the left post.

SOVIET UNION: R Dasayev, V Bessonov, A Chivadze, G Danyanankov, A Subnov, G Gotsmanov, S Gornov, G Morozov, S Alisnikov, G Kondrayev, S Rodionov. ENGLAND: P Shilton (Southampton), V Anderson (Arsenal), K Taylor (Aston Villa), R Wilkins (AC Milan), M Wright (Southampton), T Butcher (Ipswich Town), G Huddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G Cowans (Barn), G Lineker (Everton), P Beardsley (Newcastle United), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur). Referee: V Tsonchev (Bulgaria).



Breaking through Soviet block: Beardsley, watched by Anderson, on the attack in Tbilisi yesterday

Southall suffers broken ankle

From Eamon Dunphy
Dublin

Republic of Ireland	0
Wales	1

Wales survived intense pressure from the Irish to win here yesterday afternoon, although their pleasure was considerably reduced by the loss of their goalkeeper, Neville Southall, who broke his ankle in what appeared to be an innocent fall in the 66th minute.

Southall's injury is also a serious blow to his club Everton in their attempt to retain their first division title and win the FA Cup. Southall will almost certainly miss the rest of the season.

This may seem an inauspicious beginning to Jack Charlton's career in interna-

tional team management. But the scoreline lies. Outstanding performances by the Oxford, United pair, Ray Houghton and John Aldridge, and the side's overall willingness to persevere after Wales had stolen an early lead will nourish Charlton's hopes for the future.

Frank Stapleton's absence meant that 12 players originally selected missed this game. Both managers made do, but the patches showed in a scrappy opening in which neither side strung more than three passes together. A small crowd braved wind and rain to welcome Jack Charlton, the Republic's new manager, to Dublin.

Wales rather surprisingly took the lead against the run of play after 17 minutes with a goal of disarming simplicity. Phillips's well-flighted corner

was flicked on by James and Ian Rush nodded gently past Payton. Wales might have increased their lead in the 25th minute when Rush and Davies combined to free Lowndes. But Payton got his fingertips to a sharply-rising drive.

After 37 minutes, Houghton crossed from the right, Whelan touched on, and Robinson grazed the Welsh crossbar with a header. Content with their slender advantage, Wales settled for containment in the second half.

Houghton and Aldridge grew visibly in surrounds familiar to gritty pros from Oxford United. Aldridge clipped a post to end a goal-mouth scramble in the 59th minute. Houghton ran with ever-growing conviction at the Welsh defence.

Southall's injury came when

he went up for a ball with Aldridge. Last year's Footballer of the Year, so vital to Everton, was taken to a Dublin hospital. His substitute, Andy Norman, was immediately in action, saving point-blank from Houghton. He had a hectic final 15 minutes.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: G Peyton (Fulham), D Langan (Oxford United), J Anderson (Newcastle United), D O'Leary (Arsenal), J Beglin (Liverpool), R Houghton (Oxford United), R Brady (Inter Milan), R Whelan (Liverpool), M Robinson (Queen's Park Rangers), J Aldridge (Oxford United), P McGrath (Manchester United). WALES: N Southall (Everton), R James (Queen's Park Rangers), K Jackett (Warrington), P Nicholas (Luton Town), J Jones (Rushden & Diamonds), G Phillips (Manchester City), C Blackmore (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), G Davies (Manchester City), S Lowndes (Millwall), J Charles (Oxford United). Referee: K J Hope (Scotland).

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Goldie hot to handle

By Jim Railton

Cambridge and their reserves, Goldie, were at each other's throats yesterday morning preparing for Saturday's Boat Race (3.15). They were practising stake-boat starts and pressed Cambridge's non-rowing president Quintus Travis into acting as a stake-boat man. Cambridge found their reserves pretty hot to handle. During a manoeuvre to turn into the tide between races Goldie's stern punctured Cambridge's bows, but fortunately did not penetrate into

the honeycomb structure. A piece of sticking tape was sufficient to patch Cambridge's boat, aptly named this year, "The Hell Boat".

If anything, Goldie were slightly faster off the start. Certainly eyebrows were raised yesterday morning. In sprints off the stake-boats, Cambridge were just about touching 40 strokes in the first minute with Goldie two pips higher before the senior crew settled at 36. Last year, Cambridge were impressively fast

off the start, but not conditioned seemingly for a four and a half mile row. But every department is vital in the Boat Race, and Cambridge must pay considerable attention to their start before Saturday.

Earlier, Oxford paddled up and down the Boat Race course with Daniel Topolski, their coach, concentrating on minor points of technique such as polishing up a vital catch, the beginning of the stroke and the crew's timing.

At times, he had stroked Matt Thomas and his seven-man, George Livingston rowing by themselves with the rest of the crew redundant. It is all right having a weight advantage which Oxford will have on Saturday, but it can be counter-productive if the timing is not there.

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Both crews 9 and 1.30 from Putney.

Oxford late afternoon were very impressive in stake-boat starts against late after a sprightly outing up and down the Championship course.

Girls to be centre of attraction

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

A few nimble, quick-witted and lucky schoolgirls could make a little history of their own during the hundredth Wimbledon championships, to be played from June 23 to July 6. Last year's successful introduction of a more flexible system for allocating teams of ball-boys and ball-girls to particular courts, plus the fact that the percentage of girls has doubled, makes it probable that for the first time ball-girls will work on the centre court.

A similar innovation occurred last year when one ball-girl appeared on court one. Ball-girls first worked at Wimbledon in 1977. The system then in use demanded 74 boys and 10 girls who were formed into teams and allocated to specific courts for the entire championships.

The hours of play have since been extended and last year an increased work force of 78 boys and 25 girls functioned in shifts.

The present system allocates teams of seven to the three main "show" courts —

centre, number one and number two — and teams of four to all other courts. Five additional teams permit the entire assembly of schoolchildren to work in shifts, so that nobody has to work excessively long hours and everyone has a chance to get on court. Two ball-boys or ball-girls are kept in reserve for emergencies.

Every year there is a new squad. Candidates are selected from schools in the Wimbledon area and begin training in May. Eventually the youngsters are formed into teams and the most efficient of these work the main courts in shifts. Efficiency is not a boys' prerogative and, to paraphrase the song, little girls get better every year. Some could make their mark at a Wimbledon that, otherwise, will primarily be a male celebration: the men's singles will be the only championship to reach the 100 mark.

ICE HOCKEY
EMMONSVILLE, Netherlands: World championship. Pats B, Yugoslavia in France 5-0; East Germany 21 Netherlands 5-2.

Inspired ladies go into semi-finals

By John Hennessy

Mary McKenna and Maureen Garner stand alone in carrying the flag for both amateur golf and the distaff side in the Sunningdale Four-somes after what Miss McKenna yesterday called: "A little bit of magic when we needed it."

They now meet Andrew Sherborne and David Ray, two young professionals, in the second of this morning's semi-finals. It is a match preceded by what may be a gladiatorial encounter between two pairs of more experienced professionals in Roman Rafferty and Roger Chapman and Warren Humphreys and Ian Mosey.

If Rafferty and Chapman have been recognised as favourites since the unexpected defeat of the holders, Sam Torrance and John O'Leary, they may have two hard rows to hoe today.

Yesterday Mrs. Garner and Miss McKenna, from Ireland North and South, combined to put out the other surviving woman in the sixth round, Carole Caldwell, who was

partnered by her husband Ian. The Caldwell's have rich golfing credentials, but their best is behind them.

Moreover, the Irish women, winners here in 1985, had announced the healthy state of their game by finishing first (McKenna) and second (Garner) in last week's Avia Four-somes. The pair were three up at the sixth and certain, it seemed, to go further ahead at the seventh as Caldwell faded his two iron shot into the heather and his wife had no option but to knock the ball back onto the fairway. Domestic harmony was fully restored, when Caldwell drilled a five iron five feet behind the flag and his wife holed the putt.

A birdie at the next brought the Caldwell's back to only one down.

But that was the pinnacle of their success and Miss McKenna finished them off with a glorious four wood into the sixteenth green and her partner holed from 25 feet for a spectacular, match-winning birdie.

Danger is looming for Briton

By Colin McQuillan

Lucy Soutter, the British champion, is seeded to meet Susan Devoy, the world champion, in the final of the HI-Tec British open championships, at Wembley, next month but she faces by far the stronger half of the 64-woman draw, with Vicki Caldwell, the former world champion, looming in the third round.

Cardwell, of Australia, who won the British title in four successive years before retiring to start a family in 1983, aims to win a fifth at Wembley to launch a come-back to top squash. Her presence as an underrated twelfth seed in the bottom half of the draw, in company with Lisa Opie, Alison Cummings and Liz Irving makes progress to the final a daunting prospect for Miss Soutter.

By contrast, Miss Devoy has what her coach, Bryce Taylor, called a "dream draw" with the only serious challenge coming from the winner of a fascinating quarter-final clash between Mairine Le Moignan and Heather Wallace.

Britain's men's champion, Philip Kenyon, faces even less propitious possibilities than Miss Soutter. He is drawn to meet the undefeated world champion, Jahangir Khan, in the quarter-finals, assuming he can survive the combined attentions of Gamal El Amir, Hiddy Jaham and Chris Robertson along the way.

Gawain Briars has fallen into the least problematical section of the unusually talented 64-man draw. Although the early rounds offer him the new and rising Pakistani generation in the shape of Sohail Qaiser and Zarak Jaham, Briars could find himself with a quarter-final against Geoff Williams — or Ross Thorpe and every prospect of a semi-final against Ross Norman, the New Zealand world No 2.

Britain's own rising generation features in an interesting tussle between David Lloyd, Martin Bodimeade and Carry Jones for the right to meet Greg Poillard, of Australia, and then Stuart Davenport, of New Zealand.

HI-TEC BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Seedings: Men: 1, Jahangir Khan (Pak); 2, R Norman (NZ); 3, S Davenport (NZ); 4, G Briars (Eng); 5, R Thorpe (Aus); 6, G Poillard (Aus); 7, P Kenyon (Eng); 8, Carry Jones (Pak); Women: 1, S Devoy (NZ); 2, L Irving (Eng); 3, L Opie (Eng); 4, M Le Moignan (Eng); 5, H Wallace (Scott); 6, A Cummings (Eng); 7, L Irving (Aus); 8, S Burgess (Eng).

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Boxing

Busy time ahead for McGuigan

Barry McGuigan has announced plans for a hectic few months which should include two defenses of his World Boxing Association world featherweight title. At a press conference in Dublin it was confirmed that he would defend against Fernando Sosa, of Argentina, in Las Vegas on June 23.

The winner of that bout will have to fight again within 90 days in a mandatory defence against Antonio Esparragoza, of Venezuela.

Mr Barney Eastwood, the champion's manager, described Sosa as a "very dangerous opponent," and said the fight contract had included a return match clause if McGuigan should have met Sosa in Dublin last month but the Argentinian pulled out with a broken finger.

Now the Sosa fight will be part of a major bill which is being called "The Night of the Three Aces." The two other main fights will be a light-middleweight championship bout between Mike McCallum and Don Curry and a middleweight match between Roberto Duran and Robbie Sims.

McGuigan's fight will be screened live on BBC-1 shortly after midnight on Tuesday June 24.

Budd wins mile race

Zola Budd won the McVitie's mile road race in Newcastle city centre 4min 29.7sec yesterday evening (Pat Butcher writes).

The world cross-country champion, who was a late entry for security reasons, won by 80 metres from Christina Boxer and Julie-Anne Laughton.

Better men

Yorkshire are to have their cricket clothing sponsored by Joshua Teley and Son, the Leeds-based brewers, for the next three years.

Holding reins

Nick Skelton, runner-up last year, leads a six-strong British challenge at the Volvo World Cup showjumping final in Grieborg next month.

Wood through

Clare Wood, the top seed, from Sussex, beat Surrey's Kate Brasher 6-3, 6-2 to reach the final of the BWA spring tennis tournament at Queen's Club yesterday. Miss Wood, aged 18, will play 17-year-old Valda Lake in today's final.

Roker move

Scott McGarvey, the Portsmouth and former Manchester United forward, who has been on loan to Carlisle for two months, has joined Sunderland. McGarvey, aged 22, scored twice in eight appearances for Carlisle who were keen to extend his loan period.

Flu-struck

The southern area light-weight title bout between Mo Hussein, of West Ham, and Peter Eubanks, of Brighton, due to take place at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight, has been postponed because Hussein has flu.

Running back

The international runners, Nick Rose and Christine Beuning, are to make comebacks in Oxford on May 11 in the second of three IAC grand prix road races. Rose, 5,000 metres silver medalist in the 1982 Commonwealth Games, is the only athlete to have won both United States and British cross country championships and has been on the United States road running circuit for several years; Beuning, 1,500 metres silver medalist in the 1978 Commonwealth Games, gave up athletics to have a baby.

Allen has his ban reduced

Tony Allen, banned from playing for his county for five years, has had his sentence reduced to two years by the Warwickshire Golf Union.

The suspension followed Allen's decision to walk out of the Warwickshire team on the eve of last year's English County Finals at Burgham Berror, claiming the team's hotel accommodation was substandard.

The sentence also included a recommendation to the English and Midlands unions that the player be banned from all events under their jurisdiction.

But in a letter of apology the player admitted his conduct was inexcusable and that he had let down the Warwickshire team and golf in general. And last night Bill Dudley-Evans, the Warwickshire president, said: "In view of the apology and because Mr Allen has represented the county with distinction in the past, we have agreed to reduce the ban."

Allen will not be allowed to play for Warwickshire or in any county event until 1988.

Swap deal

The first division strugglers, Birmingham City, are set to complete a transfer exchange deal with Walsall that could mean the return of themidfield player, Iao Handysides, to St Andrews.

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